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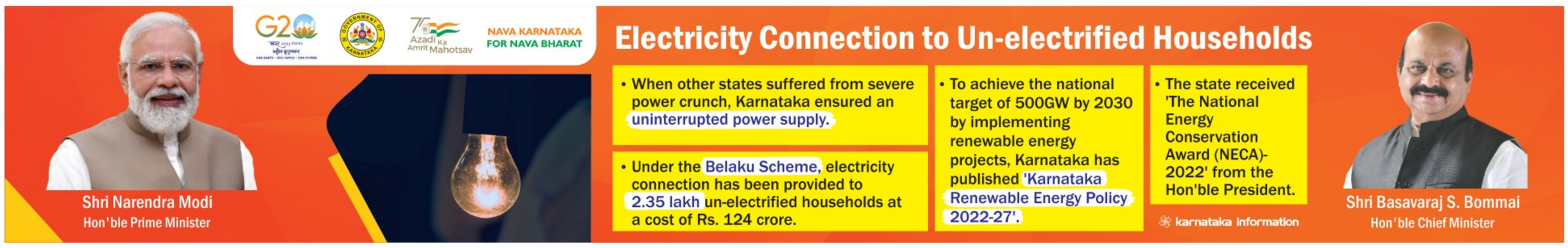
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BJP MLA finally appears before Lokayukta

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP MLA for Channagiri Madal Virupakshappa finally appeared before the Lokayukta on Thursday for questioning in the bribery case and was grilled by officials for over four hours.

Mr. Virupakshappa was incommunicado following a Lokayukta raid in which his son Prashanth Madal was caught while accepting a bribe of ₹40 lakh allegedly on behalf of his father at the MLA's office on Crescent Road.

Prime accused

The MLA was the chairman, Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd., while his son, the chief accountant of Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board. The MLA was named the prime accused in the case.

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Centre to reconsider 'safe harbour' clause in IT law

New Digital India Act will be a comprehensive overhaul of the country's cyberlaws; many rounds of consultations will be held before it is introduced in Parliament, says Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Thursday formally outlined the Digital India Act, 2023, which is a broad overhaul of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced the changes in a presentation in Bengaluru.

Multiple rounds of consultations will be held before the new Act is brought to Parliament, he said.

The government is reconsidering a key aspect of cyberspace – 'safe harbour', which is the principle that the so-called 'intermediaries' on the Internet are not responsible for what third parties post on their website. This is the principle that allows social media platforms to avoid liability for posts made by users.

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> **RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR**
> MoS for Electronics and Information Technology

Safe harbour has been reined in in recent years by regulations such as the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, which require platforms to take down posts when ordered to do so by the government, or when required by law.

From the 2000s onward, Mr. Chandrasekhar said, platforms for which safe harbour was applied as a concept "have now morphed into multiple types of participants and platforms on the Internet, functionally very different from each other, and requiring different types of guardrails and regulatory requirements."

Mr. Chandrasekhar also signalled that social media platforms' own moderation policies may now take a backseat to constitutional protections for freedom of expression.

"Fundamental speech rights cannot be violated by any platform," the Minister said, "but there is certainly a case that can be made that weaponisation of disinformation is not the same as free speech, and that needs to be addressed."

An October 2022 amendment to the IT Rules, 2021 says that platforms must respect users' free speech rights. Three Grievance Appellate Committees have now been established to take up content complaints by social media users.

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Tenders: Panel objects to BDA bypassing it

BENGALURU
The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) recently issued two tenders for electrical works in Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout together worth ₹669.32 crore without passing it through the State Pre-Tender Scrutiny Committee, to which the committee has now taken objection. This is only the latest instance of tenders of over ₹50 crore not being submitted for scrutiny.

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BJP unleashing CBI, ED on its rivals: BRS leader

The Hindu Bureau
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It is the BJP's *modus operandi* to unleash Central agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on its political rivals in poll-bound States, Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC K. Kavitha said on Thursday.

She lashed out at the ruling party ahead of her scheduled questioning by the ED in the capital on Saturday, in connection with the Delhi liquor policy case.

BJP charge

However, the BJP accused the Telangana Chief Minister's daughter of being "obstructionist" and asked her to cooperate with law enforcement agencies.

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70 The number of ships, along with six submarines and more than 75 aircrafts that participated in the Indian Navy's biggest-ever biennial exercise 'Tropex', covering over 21 million square nautical miles, according to Navy officials. A series of complex drills and manoeuvres featuring almost all assets of the Navy was a major highlight of the 'Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise' (Tropex) that culminated this week in the Arabian Sea. PTI

2 In ₹ crore, the compensation slapped on the National Highways Authority of India by the National Green Tribunal for failing to comply with environmental norms while constructing a highway from Mukarba Chowk to Singhu border in Delhi. The tribunal heard a petition claiming the generation of dust because of the non-sprinkling of water at Khampur, and non-compliance with the principles of compensatory afforestation and with the Green Highways Policy. PTI

15-30 The percentage of Rabi crops damaged in Himachal Pradesh due to deficient rains, according to officials. Out of 4,01,853 hectares, crops on 85,538.20 hectares of land have been damaged. In the five districts of Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, Shimla and Sirmaur, up to 33% of Rabi crops have been damaged. A maximum loss of ₹2,857.78 lakh has been suffered in the Hamirpur district of the hill State, officials added. PTI

11,200 The number of tillers in Punjab who have been occupying over 4,000 acres of land for generations without title rights. They will get the ownership after paying due compensation as President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Vesting of Proprietary Rights Bill, 2020. The Vesting of Proprietary Rights Bill was passed by the Punjab Assembly in 2020. PTI

3 In $ trillion, the cut in deficits that are expected to occur in the next decade in the United States, from the federal budget to be proposed by U.S. President Joe Biden, as his opening offer in a high-stakes debate over federal finances. It's part of a broader attempt by the President to call out House Republicans, who are demanding severe cuts to federal spending in return for lifting the government's legal borrowing limit. AP

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No hope ahead: A group of Buddhist monks take part in a protest against President Ranil Wickremesinghe's plan to implement the 13th amendment, near the parliament in Colombo on February 8. AFP

The elusive political solution in Sri Lanka

The deadline that Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe set, to resolve the pending ethnic question, expired a month ago. Having seen several such unkept promises in the past, Tamils contend that the southern Sinhalese establishment does not have the political will to find a just and durable political solution

WORLD INSIGHT

Meera Srinivasan

Early February, a group of saffron-clad Buddhist monks gathered near the Sri Lankan Parliament and burnt a copy of the 13th Amendment. They were registering their rage and protest after President Ranil Wickremesinghe vowed to implement the law in full. He had told an all-party conference that it was his "responsibility" as the Executive to carry out the current law.

"For approximately 37 years, the 13th Amendment has been a part of the Constitution. I must implement or someone has to abolish it...," he said. The monks resisted it, despite Mr. Wickremesinghe stressing he was "not ready to divide the country at all" and would not "betray the Sinhalese nation".

An unfulfilled promise

Neither the pledge made by President Wickremesinghe nor the monks' reaction is new to Sri Lankans. Past presidents, including Mahinda Rajapaksa, have made the same promise more than once. Monks and other reactionary groups similarly agitated then too. At the same time, Sri Lankan Tamils, who continue to demand equality, dignity, and the right to self-determination, do not know what it might look like, when the promise is indeed kept. Despite power devolution being enshrined in the Constitution for nearly four decades – it was an outcome of the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987 – they have never seen the piece of legislation being implemented in letter and spirit till date.

The 13th Amendment is, and has always been, contentious. For those Sinhalese opposing it, the legislation is an "Indian imposition", symbolising "too much power" to the Tamils at the provincial level and a threat to the central government in Colombo. The position disregards the fact that the Amendment guarantees the same measure of devolved power to all nine provinces, seven of which are in the Sinhala-majority areas of the island nation. The Tamils, on the other hand, have maintained that the legislation, under Sri Lanka's unitary Constitution, entails very limited powers that don't amount to meaningful devolution. All the same, some see it as a "starting point" in negotiating a more wholesome and durable political settlement, for the 13th Amendment is currently the only legislative guarantee of some power sharing, even if widely considered inadequate. Although the Amendment gave provinces legislative power over agriculture, education, health, housing, local government, planning, road transport and social services, the Centre is all-powerful, because of an ambiguous concurrent list and certain overriding clauses in the Constitution.

Tamils' engagement

Months into his unexpected Presidency, Mr. Wickremesinghe announced that he would ensure that the country's long-pending ethnic question is resolved by February 4, 2023, the day Sri Lanka marked 75 years of its Independence from colonial rule. His unambiguous announcement and the imminent deadline had a "now or never" ring to it.

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA), the main grouping of Tamil legislators from the north and east, agreed to engage, although its MPs were sceptical of Mr. Wickremesinghe's outreach. The Alliance's rival Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) took a clear position that there was no point in participating in talks, unless the President openly agreed to discuss a solution based on a federal Constitution. The TNA went in for talks with a proposal that instead of reinventing the wheel, the government should take some immediate steps in regard to five actionable points, such as establishing a national land commission and provincial police forces; amending or reversing certain acts to restore power to the provincial councils; and giving provincial councils the necessary administrative powers to run schools and hospitals. With no tangible action on any of the areas, the TNA said it was "pointless" to continue discussions.

In a parliamentary speech in July 2019, TNA Leader and veteran Tamil politician R. Sampanthan elaborated on the many attempts in the past, by different governments, to solve the pending national question, going well past what was envisaged in the 13th Amendment of 1987. He pointed to the proposals of the Mangala Moonasinghe Select Committee set up in 1991, during President Ranasinghe Premadasa's term; the new constitutional proposals that were tabled in Parliament in 2000, when President Chandrika Kumaratunga Bandaranaike was in power; the proposals of the Prof. Tissa Vitharana-led All Party Representative Committee (APRC) – set up in 2006 – when President Mahinda Rajapaksa was in power, and efforts taken during the Maithripala Sirisena - Wickremesinghe administration's term to draft a new Constitution.

In an impassioned account of the Tamil community's long political pursuit Mr. Sampanthan said: "The Tamils are a distinct people with a distinct linguistic and cultural identity. We have historically inhabited the north and the east. We cannot live as second-class citizens. We must live with self-respect and dignity. Maximum possible power-sharing must be effected, power must be devolved within a united, undivided, indivisible Sri Lanka. We must be able to determine our destiny"

"The earlier you do it, the better. If you do not do it and abstain from doing the right thing, I do not think the Tamil people will take it lying down for too long," he roared in the House.

Regardless, the outcome of each of these exercises remains on paper, or as yet another promise in the long list of upkept ones. The ruling Sinhalese establishment did not follow through on any of the pledges made. The end of the civil war in 2009, which came with enormous human cost and suffering to Tamil civilians, was seen as offering a chance for genuine reconciliation through, among other things, a just political solution.

According to the Tamils, the many missed opportunities make one thing amply clear - that there was, and is, no political will yet, they contend. The bogey of separatism, an idea that the Tamils have given up for years now, is lazily invoked by some Sinhalese politicians even before a conversation on power sharing begins. Or, economic development in the war-battered region is pitched as an alternative, as if it can compensate for the lack of actual decision-making powers, including on the type of developmental activity.

Indian involvement

The deadline that President Wickremesinghe set for himself, to solve the national question, expired a month ago. The government held elaborate celebrations to observe its 75th year of Independence, although some Sri Lankans still feel they are treated as "second class" citizens. The President's promise to implement the 13th Amendment is already fading into oblivion.

The dominant headlines in Sri Lanka today are about the International Monetary Fund's "bailout package", that has now come within touching distance after China agreed to restructure Sri Lanka's loans; and about the new wave of protests from sections who are reeling under the lingering impact of last year's economic crisis. With supporters of the government adopting an "economic recovery before everything" approach, there is little indication that the country's unresolved ethnic conflict may be addressed soon.

While India has historically been an arbiter on Sri Lanka's Tamil national question, many in Tamil polity and community say both New Delhi's interest in – and influence – on the issue are waning. Critics argue that India, pre-occupied with countering Chinese influence in Sri Lanka, does little more than make customary statements on the need to implement the 13th Amendment.

Where does that leave Sri Lanka's war-affected Tamil community in the north and east? After decades of relentless agitations, and an armed struggle, they are still demanding justice, equality, and dignity. And the long-pending political solution remains elusive.

This is the second part of a series of articles looking at Sri Lanka's economic recovery and political course

THE GIST

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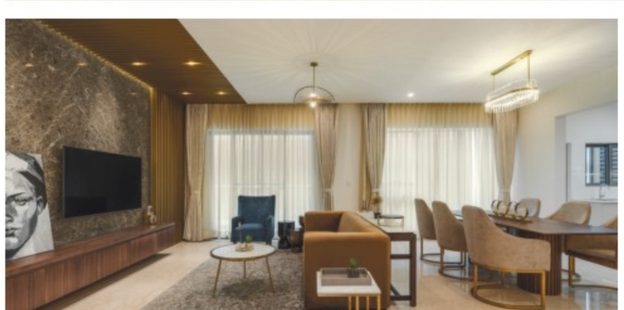
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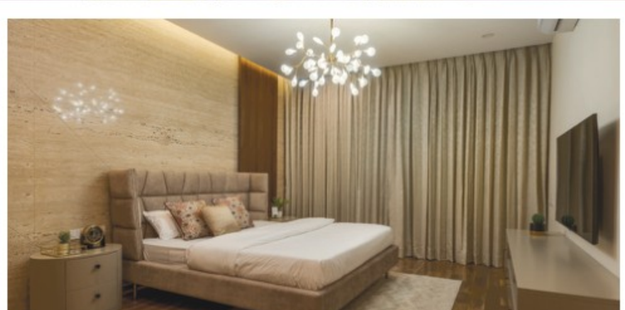
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Students won't be detained in classes 5 and 8 even if they fail exam: Govt. to HC

Govt. says it is not a board exam but only implies a minor change in the method of assessment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday completed hearing the petitions filed by a few associations of private schools, which have questioned the change in the method of assessment of students of classes 5 and 8 for the academic year 2022-23.

Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur, who heard the arguments on behalf of associations and the State government, has indicated that he would pass the order on Friday. The exams are scheduled from March 13.

The Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools and the Registered Unaided Private Schools' Management Association Karnataka, in their petitions, had questioned the correctness of changing the assessment method by conducting exams through the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) instead of school-level assessment as was done till previous academic year.

The associations had also contended that such a change at the end of the academic year, during December 2022, adversely affects the students and the teachers.

Earlier, the government counsel defended the change in the method of assessment while clarifying that it is not a board examination but only a minor change in the process of assessment and the changes are in compliance with the amendments made to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, with effect from March 2019, which prescribe regular exams at the end of academic year for classes 5 and 8. Making it clear that there is no detaining the students who fail to secure pass marks in the proposed exams, the government told the court that assessment of the students for 80% marks of the total 100 marks are completed at the school level itself for this academic year based on the marks secured by the students in the four formative assessment (FA) exams and one summative assessment (SA)-1 exams conducted in the schools.

It is only the SA-2 exam, which was usually conducted in school itself, is being conducted through the KSEAB by preparing common question papers for uniform assessment of overall learning level of the students in all the schools. The students will have to write exam for a total 40 marks in each subject (20 marks for multiple choice questions and 20 marks for descriptive questions) and 50% of the marks scored in this exam would be considered towards the remaining 20% marks for the overall assessment.

Special coaching

The valuation of answer papers would be done at taluk and block level for classes of class 5 and 8, respectively, and those students who fail to get 35% marks out of the total 100 marks assessment would be given special coaching and would be given supplementary exam. However, no students would be detained even if they fail even in the supplementary exams, the government told the court.

Respective schools to be exam centres

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy has said the respective schools will be the examination centres for the assessment test to be conducted for the students of classes 5 and 8.

The examination is being conducted from March 13 to 18. Earlier, the department had suggested creating centres based on the number of students for the examination.

Two malpractice cases reported on first day as II PU exam begins

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two malpractice cases were reported on the first day of the II PU exam that began on Thursday - one from Belagavi and another one from Yadgir.

Apart from this, the examination was conducted smoothly in 1,109 centres with 95.55% attendance across the State.

A total of 5,33,797 students had enrolled for Kannada and Arabic examination. Among these, 5,10,026 students were present, while 23,771 students were absent.

Students were happy with the first day's examination and said the Kannada paper was easy. Abhinandan, a student at a centre in Hanumanthanagar, said: "The Kannada exam was very easy. The number of objective questions were increased up to 20 marks. Descriptive questions were also easy."

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh visited the Government PU College for Boys centre at Tiptur, Tumakuru district, and welcomed students with flowers. "This year, the examinations are being conducted in a student-friendly manner. The examination will end on March 29 and the results will be declared in the first week of May," he said. For the first time, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) is conducting II PU examination. KSEAB has appointed 2,373 special invigilation squads, 64 district squads and 525 taluk squads to ensure the examination is conducted without hiccups. They have arranged CCTV cameras in all the examination centre corridors.

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and other public transport corporations provided free bus service for students.

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh welcoming students with flowers at an examination centre in Tumakuru district on Thursday; and (below) students waiting to write the exam at Ganganagar in Bengaluru.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND SUDHAKARA JAIN

Man beaten up in pub for allegedly not speaking Kannada

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 22-year-old electrical engineer working at a private company was allegedly assaulted by four persons for not speaking in Kannada at a pub on Kasturba Road on Saturday night.

The victim, Raghav Singh, managed to escape from the attackers and got himself admitted to a private hospital and filed a complaint with the Cubbon Park police after being discharged on Monday.

In his complaint, Mr. Raghav alleged that he was sitting on the terrace of the pub around 11.30 p.m. when a man came up to him and without reason started talking to him in Kannada. Mr. Raghav told him that he does not understand Kannada and asked him to speak either in English or Hindi. Provoked by this, the man started assaulting him while three of his friends joined in. One of them even assaulted him with a liquor bottle. As a result, Mr. Raghav started bleeding and pushed them away and managed to escape, he said.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case of assault and criminal intimidation.

Lokayukta traps DFO of Madikeri range

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta sleuths on Thursday caught red-handed the District Forest Officer (DFO) of Madikeri range, Poornima, while she was allegedly accepting a bribe from her junior officer.

Based on a complaint from the Range Forest Officer, the sleuths caught Poornima while she was accepting ₹50,000 from Mayura Udaya Karavekar. She was arrested under the Prevention of Corruption Act and taken into custody for further investigation.

Complaint

In his complaint, Mr. Karavekar said that the government had sanctioned two posts of forest watcher and authorised him to make appointments at a fixed a salary of ₹15,000. The accused officer started pestering him to make two more fake appointments and pay their salaries every month to her.

Commission sought

Poornima also demanded 60% commission for the work sanctioned by the department at an estimated cost of ₹1.6 lakh, he alleged. When Karavekar refused to pay the commission, the accused used to humiliate him publicly and threatened to suspend him, he charged.

Unable to bear the torture, Karavekar paid ₹50,000 and later when he could not pay the rest of the money, he approached the Lokayukta. Based on the complaint, a trap was laid and the accused was arrested.

From Page One

BJP MLA finally appears before Lokayukta

The High Court of Karnataka granted interim anticipatory bail in the alleged bribery case and directed him to surrender before the investigating officer within 48 hours. After this, he had surfaced in his home town in Channagiri taluk.

Mr. Virupakshappa, who appeared before the investigating officer on Thursday, reportedly told officials that cash seized from his house was from the sale of arecanut. He denied having knowledge about the cash seized from his son and said that he had nothing to do with the cash nor was he aware of it. "Though he claimed that the money seized from his house was from the sale of arecanut, he could not substantiate the claim with documents," sources in the Lokayukta said. On the other hand, the MLA, speaking to the media outside, said he "fully cooperated" with the Lokayukta, but said he could not disclose what happened.

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were lost/missing. A Police complaint in this regard was also lodged with Jurisdictional Police/Bangalore City vide Lost Report No. 0489585/2023 dated 03/03/2023. It is hereby requested that if any person/s comes across or find the same, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address & they will be compensated accordingly.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule Property with any person/s on the basis of the misplaced/lost Document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Property and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against Manoj S Naik nor against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing Corner **Site No. 95,** Khatha No. 173-8/1, as per 11B RDPR property ID No. 150200302600200189, Property No. 95/8/1, situated at **DODDABELE VILLAGE, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet totally measuring **1200 square feet** & bounded on:-

East by : Site No. 96; West by : Road;
North by : Road & South by : Site No. 94:

Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocates,
312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross,
VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.

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Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.,

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil-CPS-008-II Trust set up in respect of financial assets pertaining to Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)

Arcil office: The Ruby, 10th floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai - 400 028. Website: www.arcil.co.in CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of Immovable properties

Public/ E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower **Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)** and their Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **South Indian Bank,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **March 28, 2023 at 3.00p.m.** at Arcil's office, The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai – 400 028, for recovery of **Rs. 63,11,41,577.83/- (Rupees Sixty Three Crores Eleven Lacs Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven and Eighty Three Paise Only)** to Bank as on August 16, 2017 together with further interest thereon at contractual/documented rates and other incidental expenses from August 16, 2017 onwards till payment due to the Secured Creditor from **Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)** and Mr. M. Gopal – the Guarantor(s), Mr. S. Surendra and Mr. G Hari Hara Rao.

Description of the Property, Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit

Description of the Property	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)
All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 2 Acres bearing Sy.No.42 situated at Pattandur Agrahara Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows: North: Government Gutta South: Road East: Road West: Lands belonging to Sri. Narayana Swamy	20,00,00,000	2,00,00,000

Encumbrances known to secured creditor: Not known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited - Secured Creditor's website i.e. http://www.arcil.co.in and may contact Arcil officers viz Mr. Meraj Sayed (+91 9820485425) / Mr. Srinivasa Yekabote (+91 9821232244).

Date : March 10, 2023
Place : Mumbai

Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.

March 18 is last date to pay 50% discounted traffic fine

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The last date to make the payment of traffic offences penalties with the ongoing 50% discount is March 18. The discount applies to cases which have been registered on or before February 11, 2023.

According to an official release, one can pay the fine through the official Karnataka State Police (KSP) application, Karnataka one/Bengaluru one website, using Paytm app, visiting the nearest traffic police station or at the Traffic Management Centre, Infantry Road.

For any clarification, one can contact 080-22942883 or 080-22943381

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No. 1546/2022

BETWEEN

The Competent Authority
For M/s Ambidant Marketing Private Limited,
3rd Floor, Mini V.V Tower, Podium Block
Dr.Ambedkar Veedi,
Benagaluru – 560001
Rep by its Competent Authority
Dr.Ashok D.R
Joint Secretary
....Petitioner

AND

M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited
Regd office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore -560032
Represented by its Managing Director
Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, R/a No.374, Kushal Nagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore- - 560045
and 2 others
.....Respondents

Notice to Respondent No.2
2. M/s Sanchaya Land and Estate Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Director, Sri Ravipat Taraka Ragunath, No. 479, PID No. 98-45-479, Situated at HMT Layout, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560032.

Where as, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondents.

The Respondent No.2 are here by issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able answer all material questions relating to above petitions on 25th March 2023 at 11:00 clock in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of court on this day 28th Feb 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bangalore

Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.
Special Public Prosecutor.

DIPR/CP/5182(D)/AKAR/22-23

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No. 1602/2022

BETWEEN

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DIPR/CP/5182(E)/AKAR/22-23

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No.1354/2022

BETWEEN

The Competent Authority
For M/s Ambidant Marketing Private Limited,
3rd Floor, Mini V.V Tower, Podium Block
Dr.Ambedkar Veedi,
Benagaluru – 560001
Rep by its Competent Authority
Dr.Ashok D.R
Joint Secretary
....Petitioner

AND

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Represented by its Managing Director
Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, R/a No.374, Kushal Nagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore- - 560045
and 2 others
.....Respondents

Notice to Respondent No.2&3
2. Fairoz Baig S/o H Amir Jan No.33, 1st cross, DV Block, Bangalore 560032.

3. Syed Afif Uddin S/o Syed Mazhar Pasha No.1/2/2, 1st floor 4th cross, RBI extension Colony, JJ Residency Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011.

Where as, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondents.

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DIPR/CP/5182(C)/AKAR/22-23

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No. 1558/2022

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3. Mohammed Abdulla Khan S/o Wasiulla Khan No.660, 1st floor, 16th cross 3rd stage, Lingarajapuram Bangalore 560 084.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

Come a long way: The cast and crew of *Slumdog Millionaire* after they won the Oscar for Best Picture during the 81st Academy Awards in Hollywood, California in 2009. REUTERS

India at the Academy Awards: from *Mother India* to *RRR*

Indian cinema is launching one of its biggest offensives ever at the Academy Awards with S.S. Rajamouli's *RRR*, Shaunak Sen's *All That Breathes* and Kartiki Gonsalves's *The Elephant Whisperers*. Here we take a look at some of the memorable appearances by Indians at the Oscars over the years

Shilajit Mitra

Come Sunday, Indian cinema is launching one of its biggest offensives ever at the Academy Awards. 'Naatu Naatu' from S.S. Rajamouli's *RRR* is up for Best Original Song; it won the Golden Globe, to frenzied jubilation everywhere, two months ago. Meanwhile, two documentaries – Shaunak Sen's feature-length *All That Breathes* and Kartiki Gonsalves's 41-minute *The Elephant Whisperers* – are in with a shout in their respective categories. It really does look like our year, with celebrations planned and congratulatory posts drafted out in advance. The cinephile excitement is at a peak, so what more could we want?

One answer is Deepika Padukone. Last week, Oscar enthusiasm hit the roof when it was announced that Padukone, after unveiling the FIFA World Cup Trophy in Qatar in 2022, will present an Academy Award alongside the likes of Riz Ahmed, Dwayne Johnson, Emily Blunt and Samuel L. Jackson. Padukone will be part of a double treat for Indians watching with sleepy eyes on Monday morning, with M. M. Keeravaani conducting a 2.5-minute 'Naatu Naatu' piece on stage (sadly, no Ram Charan and Jr. NTR to lead the dancers; they'll be in attendance with director Rajamouli).

Indians at the Academy

Indians, and Indian movies, have been thinly represented at the Oscars. In a history of 94 years, we've won six times (the number is marginally improved if you include the technical achievement awards). On the face of it, this shouldn't be too depressing; the Oscars remain a predominantly American bash. Yet the Academy – a 9000-plus-members honorary body that gives out the awards – has been pushing for increased diversity, which includes many Indians. On a more pedestrian level, if there's one country as frenetically obsessed with red carpets, flashy performances and celebrity jamborees as the U.S. – the difference, perhaps, is only one of prestige – it's probably India.

S.S. Rajamouli's globe-trotting awards tour leading up to the Oscars might make it look like a breeze, but it wasn't always the case. Indian artists, like Indian scientists and Indian sportspersons, have always starved for budgets.

In 1957, the Academy created a separate competitive category for foreign-language films; a year later, Mehboob Khan's *Mother India* was sent as India's first official submission to the Oscars. Khan, already debt-ridden by the film's gargantuan production, turned to Jawaharlal Nehru for help. He eventually reached LA with his wife Sardar Akhtar and attended screenings for Academy voters, with one concession: the famous sickle-and-hammer logo of Mehboob Productions was excised so as not to upset American sensibilities.

The stratagem didn't help; *Mother India* lost out to Federico Fellini's *Nights of Cabiria*, significantly – it is claimed – by a single vote. Khan attended the ceremony, but there are contrasting reports of his response; he either laughed off the defeat with a smile or was crestfallen enough to suffer a heart attack the following day (Khan died of a heart attack on May 28, 1964, a day after Nehru's death).

Like Khan, a young Vidhu Vinod Chopra also lacked the means for intercontinental travel when his *An Encounter with Faces* (1978) was nominated for Best Documentary Short Subject (the saviour, this time around, was L.K. Advani, the then I&B Minister).

However, it wasn't the same experience for Bhanu Athaiya, legendary costume designer and India's first Oscar winner. Athaiya was awarded for her work on Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi*. Columbia Pictures, the film's distributors, funded her travel to the 1983 ceremony. A trendsetter back home, she dressed films as sartorially wide-ranging as *Sahib Bibi Aur Gulam*, *Teesri Manzil* and *Razia Sultan*. Athaiya walked up to the stage in a shimmery turquoise drape, paired with a choker, danglers and her handbag in tow. In contrast to the jokey patter of presenters Steve Guttenberg and Ann Reinking, her speech was simple and short: "Thank you Academy and Sir Richard Attenborough for focusing world attention on India," she said.

Honouring the greats

By the early 1990s, the Academy had honoured world cinema giants like Akira Kurosawa, Jean Renoir, Charlie Chaplin and Orson Welles. Now came Satyajit Ray's turn. In March 1992, Ray was ailing in his hospital bed in Kolkata and could not attend the Oscars ceremony in LA. Audrey Hepburn, while presenting his Academy Honorary Award on stage, addressed him with the phonetically accurate 'R-ai' (as opposed to the anglicised 'R-ay' so many Indians prefer to use). Holding his golden statuette, in a beige embroidered panjabi, Ray joined via a video-feed and spoke of the influence of American cinema in his life. Despite his failing health (he died less than a month later), the master was calm, eloquent and funny – a tonality of televised award shows he understood too well.

The star of Indian cinema has risen piecemeal at the Oscars. In 1987, Chiranjeevi became the first South Indian actor to be a guest of honour at the Oscars; two years later, Mira Nair's *Salaam Bombay!* was nominated. The new millennium saw Aamir Khan hobnobbing with Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington on the red carpet. His *Lagaan* was a big deal (ultimately losing out to Bosnian war drama *No Man's Land*), but it was *Slumdog Millionaire*, eight years later, that really kicked down the doors.

Reminiscent of *Naatu Naatu*'s success, *Jai Ho* was already a globally downloaded sensation when it won the Oscar for Best Original Song – one of eight the film took home that year. Though a British production, and suitably problematised for its view of urban poverty in India, Danny Boyle's film turned the Oscars into a joyous Bollywood night. A.R. Rahman, Gulzar and Resul Pookutty won awards, with Rahman winning two. Particularly touching was the final tableau during the Best Picture win – Anil Kapoor beaming, Irrfan Khan struggling to tuck in his cuffs and Dev Patel picking up child actor Rubina Ali Qureshi in his arms. A typical Indian assembly, with a bunch of foreigners thrown in.

Deepika Padukone's appearance at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday will certainly break the internet. Before her, Indian and Indian origin actresses – Priyanka Chopra, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Mindy Kaling, Persis Khambatta – have all partook in the ceremonies, raising the country's profile and visibility in the global media glare.

Chopra, particularly, has displayed an internationalism characteristic of the 21st century Asian crossover star. Now Padukone is poised to do the same. It's a shiny year for India at the Academy Awards. If a win marks the occasion, there will be nothing like it.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Advertising and marketing are one of the biggest businesses in the world now. Here is a quiz on advertising and various iconic ad campaigns

Venkataraghavan Srinivasan

QUESTION 1
What are the five M's of advertising?

QUESTION 2
Which Indian ad agency created the iconic 'Lalitaji' ad for Surf Excel in the 1980s?

QUESTION 3
Which Indian brand's advertising campaign featured the tagline 'Fill it. Shut it. Forget it'?

QUESTION 4
Which brand's advertising campaign featured the tagline 'The Complete Man'?

QUESTION 5
Which cold drink brand carries the tag line 'Taste The Thunder'?

Visual question: Identify the Brand.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The creator of Barbie. **Ans: Ruth Handler**
2. This German doll was the inspiration for Barbie. **Ans: Bild Lilli**
3. Barbie and Ken were named after these individuals. **Ans: Ruth Handler's children Barbara and Kenneth**
4. The name of the best-selling Barbie which was released in 1992. **Ans: Totally Hair Barbie**
5. The British fashion icon who was the first real-life celebrity to get her own Barbie. **Ans: Twiggy**
6. The importance of Pantone colour PMS 219 C. **Ans: It is Barbie's signature pink colour**
7. The Australian surfer Barbie dated during her break-up with Ken. **Ans: Blaine**
8. This European group sang 'Barbie Girl' that topped the charts in 1997. **Ans: Aqua**
Visual: This Indian athlete had a Barbie doll modelled to her likeness. **Ans: Para-badminton player Manasi Joshi**
Early Bird: M. Suresh Kumar

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Ms. Susheela Rastogi, Allahabad, wants to know the meaning of the sentence 'He has got the blues.'"

" 'To be in the blues' or 'to have the blues' means 'to be depressed.'

He has got the blues; I don't know the reason.

He is in the blues as he has been suspended.

In hospitals, patients who were delirious complained of seeing blue devils. They were terrified first and depressed later. It is used in the sense of 'depressed' now. When you are in the blues, you are down in the dumps.

Every examination gives me the blues.

I usually go to him when I have the blues."

"Several readers want to know the difference between 'referee' and 'umpire'."

"There is no difference except that 'referee' is used with games like football and basketball and 'umpire' with games like tennis and cricket."

"Mr. A. Dhanasekaran, Hindustan Teleprinters, Madras, wants to know whether it is correct to say 'He took ill.'"

"It is generally used in the passive, that is, 'He was taken ill.' 'He took ill' was considered colloquial and dialectal in the past. But not so now. 'He took ill' is used frequently these days and some dictionaries have recorded the active form. 'To be taken ill' means 'to be seized or struck with illness.' It is also used in a humorous way. Dickens has the following sentence in Nicholas Nickleby: 'He was taken sometimes literary.'"

"Mr. K. Seshu Babu, Mogalrajapuram, Vijayawada, wants to know the meaning of the sentence 'Kapil Dev was not at the nets.'"

" 'Nets' means 'a practice cricket pitch surrounded by nets.' So the sentence means that Kapil Dev was not practising. Some who do very well at the nets don't do so well in an actual match."

"Mr. S. Rajagopala Iyengar. Retired Headmaster, Meenambakkam, Madras, wants to know the pronunciation of 'connoisseur.'"

"The first 'o' is pronounced like the 'o' in 'pot' and 'cot' and the second 'o' is pronounced like the final sound in China. The 'c' is pronounced 'k', 'sseur' is pronounced like 'sir.' The stress is on the last syllable 'seur.' The word means 'an expert judge in matters of taste, especially in the fine arts.'

She is a connoisseur in modern painting."

Published in The Hindu on March 24, 1987

Word of the day

Prevaricate:
be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information (used as a verb)

Synonyms: beat around the bush, palter, equivocate

Usage: *I was trying to prevaricate in order to get some more time to finish the project.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/prevaricatepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /prɪˈvarɪkeɪt/

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'More forest fires this year owing to heavy rain followed by rise in temperature'

Forest Department says downpour last year created abundant burning material; such frequent incidents affect the ecology, says environmentalist

Anil Kumar Sastry
Hemanth C.S.
MANGALURU/BENGALURU

Some parts of the State, in particular the Western Ghats, have been witnessing forest fires for the last few days. The Forest Department has attributed the spike in forest fires to the heavy rains last year, followed by a rise in temperature over the past few days.

There have been frequent incidences of fires on the grasslands of the ghat slopes between Shiradi Ghat and Kudremukh Ghat since about a month.

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Good burning material

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Raj Kishore Singh said that this year has seen more forest fires compared to last year and this was due to heavy rainfall last year. "This year, the forest fires have increased due to very heavy rainfall followed by the hot weather in recent days. The downpour has created good burning material in the forest and as a result of this, we are witnessing many fire incidents," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Singh added that it is too tentative to give out numbers to say there has been a spurt in forest fires. "We are hopeful that this spell of forest fires will be over soon," he said.

Problem of gutsy winds

Chikkamagaluru Deputy Conservator of Forests N.E. Kranthi said fire lines could not prevent the spread of fire this time as gusty winds spread sparkles even beyond 30 ft.

The personnel were able to contain fire to grasslands without allowing it to spread to trees (crown fire).

While his division has sprayers and blowers to contain fire, uneven and hilly terrain was the challenge to carry those equipment, Mr. Kranthi said.

Long-term impact

Environmentalist Dinesh Holla of Sahyadri Sanchaya feared that frequent forest fires have the potential of seriously affecting life in the riverine system of the Western Ghats, while such fires also affect the environment and ecology.

Frequent fires at the same place completely destroys grasses, including their roots, he said, which was taking place for the last about five years following the impact of various projects that had caused landslides on the ghats. Even Shola Forests are getting dried up and fire from grasslands easily crosses to another valley, he said. Such an erosion would destroy rainwater retaining capacity of Ghat slopes causing flash floods during the Monsoon and drought in Summer, he cautioned.

Containment measures

When asked about the containment measures undertaken by the forest department to address forest fires in the state, Mr. Singh said that the Forest Department staff were on the ground and continuously monitoring the situation.

"Our focus is on early detection which is done through timely alerts by satellites. We have also written to the Indian Air Force seeking their support if there are any major forest fires. So far all the fires that have occurred are ground fires so we do not need their help to douse these ground fires," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Holla said that more needs to be done to bridge the gap between the department and local residents as people's involvement was crucial in containing forest fire. Last week Kelshi villagers in Yellapura taluk of Uttara Kannada district joined hands with personnel to douse fire on a 7 km stretch of the ghat, he noted.

INBRIEF

Cigarette butt sets off fire on Bangalore University campus

Three acres of land on the Bangalore University campus were gutted due to an accidental fire on Wednesday. The university campus is spread over 1,200 acres, including forest land, where fire incidents are common during summer due to unscientific dumping of waste, a fire officer said.

The fire, according to fire and emergency service officials, is suspected to be due to disposal of a cigarette butt on dry eucalyptus leaves. Fire fighting personnel put out the blaze after three hours. Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor, BU, said, "Somebody purposefully lit the fire. It is difficult to keep an eye on every part of this huge campus. I will meet officials of the university, police, Forest Department and fire safety. We plan to increase vigilance across the campus."

Case against betting site for advertising in public place

The Chikkajala police on Wednesday registered a case against an online betting site for putting up banners in public places to advertise and lure people into online gambling. Based on a complaint filed by Santosh, police constable, a case under Section 90 (Printing, publishing or distributing any news or information) and Section 91 (provisions for the prevention of gambling) has been registered against fairplay.co.in under Karnataka Police Act on Wednesday. Mr. Santosh, who was on patrolling duty on Hunasamaranahalli service road towards KIA, found a big hoarding put up to advertise online gambling. The advertisement claimed to have good chances of winning and even offered 300% deposit bonus and 10% of loss back bonus.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (March 10, Friday), the following article is available:

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4,000 electoral literacy clubs set up

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Assembly elections, the BBMP on Thursday said that it has set up 4,000 Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELC) in Bengaluru to encourage voter awareness.

The ambitious project rolled out by the Election Commission and the BBMP has registered 15,772 young voters in a week from February 20 to 26 through these clubs, according to BBMP officials. Officials said that the electoral literacy club is a platform to engage young voters through interesting activities and hands-on experience to sensitise them on their electoral rights and familiarise them with the electoral process.

In a tweet, district electoral officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that electoral literacy clubs are the "magical tools" for creating awareness and motivating prospective voters.

Concerned over rise in COVID hospitalisation, Health Dept. asks BBMP to take up clinical audit

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

After maintaining a low ebb for over six months, COVID cases are on a slight uptick again, along with other ailments, especially seasonal flu. The number of hospitalisations are also on the rise. From 13 admissions on March 1, the number rose to 42 on March 9.

Bengaluru, which has been the epicentre of COVID from the beginning, is seeing a majority of the total cases reported in the State.

Over 97% of the hospitalisations and 84% of the daily cases are in Bengaluru. From 42 cases and 12 admissions on March 1, the numbers rose to 101 caes and 36 admissions on March 8 in Bengaluru. What is worrisome is the number of ICU admissions have also seen a three-fold rise. All the admissions are in government facilities as of now.

One death has also been reported in Bengaluru on Thursday with an 81-year-old male patient succumbing to the infection. This is the fourth death since January.

Rise in hospitalisation

March 1	12 in BBMP limits, 1 in other districts
March 2	12 in BBMP limits, 2 in other districts
March 3	20 in BBMP limits, 0 in other districts
March 4	21 in BBMP limits, 0 in other districts
March 5	20 in BBMP limits, 0 in other districts
March 6	25 in BBMP limits, 0 in other districts
March 7	31 in BBMP limits, 1 in other districts
March 8	36 in BBMP limits, 1 in other districts
March 9	39 in BBMP limits, 3 in other districts

Daily tests poor

Although the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had recommended a revised testing strategy bringing down the daily tests to 5,000 in BBMP, the daily tests being conducted are less than 800. The Weekly Test Positivity Rate (WTPR) that stood at 5.17% on March 1 in Bengaluru rose to 8.26% on March 8. Experts said the higher number of hospitalisations despite lower testing indicated that there could be more infections going undetected.

Concerned over the rising trend, the TAC has said there is a need to investigate if there is any co-infection of H3N2 influenza and COVID as both have similar respiratory symptoms.

TAC chairman M.K. Sudarshan said the rise in hospitalisations, especially ICU admissions is concerning and needs to be studied before deaths are reported.

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Clinical audit

State Health Commissioner Commissioner Randeep D said the department has now asked the BBMP to take up a clinical audit of hospitalisations to find out the reasons for the rise in admissions, especially in the ICU. Likewise, the BBMP has also been asked to conduct a death audit of the four fatalities that have happened since January, he said.

"We have asked the BBMP to look at the age factor of the hospitalised patients, if they have any comorbidities or if the infection is spread out irrespective of comorbid conditions. The clinical audit is also to find out if the COVID detection is incidental. If a patient has come for treatment of some other ailment or for a surgery and has been found to be infected with COVID when tested. This will reveal if COVID is the actual cause of admission," Mr Randeep said.

"Another aspect that should be looked into is how many of the hospitalised patients are reaching a critical stage. How many are on the path to recovery and if they are kept in the hospital/ICU just for observation," the Commissioner said, adding that the audit will be done in the next one week.

Incidental findings

K.V. Trilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), said COVID is an incidental finding in most of the admitted patients. "We have found that these patients are being admitted for other reasons and COVID is being detected incidentally. However, a clinical audit will bring more clarity and we are doing it," he said.

Cybercrime police on the lookout for imposter

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The central cybercrime police are on the lookout for a conman who, posing as the staff of the transport commissioner, made a futile attempt to cheat job aspirants of the post of vehicle inspector of the Transport Department.

Based on a complaint filed by Basavaraju Paraddi, Assistant Regional Transport Officer at the office of the commissioner for transport and road safety, the police are trying to track down the accused.

The cheating came to light when one of the job aspirants approached the commissioner's office with a copy of the email she received from the accused for verification. The email resembles that of the State transport official mail , congratulating her for becoming a motor vehicles inspector. The mail specified details of the application and assured her that the office is working on the details to complete the appointment formalities.

Links to insider

The accused identified himself as Lobo from the commissioner's office and asked her to pay ₹10,000 for the job. He also asked her to maintain confidentiality. The police suspect that the accused has links to some insiders considering the details he has.

The accused not only forged the official email ID, but also misused the names of the transport staff to defame them, Mr. Paraddi, said in his complaint.

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDI, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No.1353/2022

BETWEEN

The Competent Authority
For M/s Ambidant Marketing Private Limited,
3rd Floor, Mini V.V Tower, Podium Block
Dr.Ambedkar Veedi,
Benagaluru – 560001
Rep by its Competent Authority
Dr.Ashok D.R
Joint Secretary
....Petitioner

AND

M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited
Regd office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore -560032
Represented by its Managing Director
Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin,R/a No.374, Kushal Nagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore- - 560045
and 2 others
.....Respondents

Notice to Respondent No.2
2. Syed Asma Farsheen D/o Syed Iqbal, No.91, 1st Floor, Kauser Nagar, RT Nagar post, Bangalore 560032.

Where as, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondents.

The Respondent No.2 & 3 are here by issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able answer all material questions relating to above petitions on 25th March 2023 at 11:00 clock in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of court on this day 28th Feb 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bangalore

Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.
Special Public Prosecutor.

DIPR/CP/5182(B)/AKAR/22-23

Antibiotic drugs administered on livestock cut carbon in soil and affect climate, says IISc study

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers at the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have found that grazing by livestock leads to lower carbon storage in soil compared to grazing by wild herbivores.

In a study conducted in the Spiti region of the Himalayas and which was published in Global Change Biology, CES researchers found that this difference appears to be due to the use of veterinary antibiotics such as tetracycline on livestock.

Livestock in Spiti region of the Himalayas. Researchers have said that when released into the soil through dung and urine, the antibiotics alter the microbial communities in soil. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Released through dung

The researchers said that when released into the soil through dung and urine, these antibiotics alter the microbial communities in soil in ways that are detrimental for sequestering carbon.

"Today, livestock are the most abundant large mammals on earth. If the carbon stored in soil under livestock can be increased by even a small amount, then it can have a big impact on climate mitigation," said Sumanta Bagchi, Associate Professor at CES and corresponding author of the study.

Previous study

In a previous study, the researchers had shown how grazing by herbivores plays a crucial role in stabilising the pool of soil carbon in the same region. In the current study, they set out to ask the question: Are livestock such as sheep and cattle similar or different in how they affect the soil carbon stocks compared to their wild relatives such as the yak and ibex?

To answer this, the researchers studied soils over 16 years in areas grazed by wild herbivores and by livestock respectively, and analysed them for various parameters including microbial composition, soil enzymes, carbon stocks, and the amount of veterinary antibiotics.

Carbon use efficiency

The study states that although soils from the wild and livestock areas had many similarities, they differed in one key parameter called carbon use efficiency (CUE), which determines the ability of microbes to store carbon in the soil. The soil in the livestock areas had 19% lower CUE.

Mr. Bagchi added that antibiotic usage in pastoral ecosystems like Spiti is fairly low and that the situation could be worse in areas where livestock are reared at large scales where they are often given antibiotics even when they are not sick.

Timings
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RISE 20:52	SET 08:14
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RISE 21:42	SET 08:52
SUNDAY, MAR. 12	
RISE 06:29	SET 18:30
RISE 22:36	SET 09:34

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Mysuru	33	18
Bengaluru	30	18

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32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be pleasant but hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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No.: D.U.D.C.D.(2)/CR/1142/2021-22 Date: 07.03.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement for purchase of Three Wheeler Vehicles to City Municipal Council, Harihara, Town Municipal Council Channagiri/Malebennuru and Town Panchayat, Nyamathi as per indent Nos. mentioned below as per approval obtained for Action Plan from the Municipal Administration Directorate under Grant of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Stage-4) of Davanagere District for the year 2021-22.

S. No	Indents	Amount put to Tender (Rs. in lakhs)	Last date for submission of Tender in e-portal	Date of opening Technical Bid	Date of opening Financial Bid	Contract Period
1	Purchase and distribution of Three Wheeler Vehicles to Differently Abled Persons in the limits of City Municipal Council, Harihara.(DMA/2022-23/ Ind/15185)	**82.39**	23–03–2023	24–03–2023	27–03–2023	15 Days
2	Purchase and distribution of Three Wheeler Vehicles to Differently Abled Persons in the limits of Town Municipal Council Channagiri/Malebennuru and Town Panchayat, Nyamathi (DMA/2022-23/ IND-15186)	**41.87**	23–03–2023	24–03–2023	27–03–2023	15 Days

Details of the works and other conditions can be obtained through e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and if further information is required, it can be obtained from the Technical Section of District Urban Development Cell. Any changes in the schedule will be intimated only through e-procurement portal. Any Notice or Advertisement will not be published in the Newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Davanagere District.

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No. GBCMC/A.D./CR/Tender/2022-23 Date : 15.02.2023

Short-Term Re Tender Notification (Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Tender is invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999-2000 as per Act 2000 Rules subject to Standard Tender Document Rules for purchase of Vehicle machineries related to Solid Waste Management in the Grant released by the Govt. to Gadag-Betageri CMC and eligible suppliers can submit Tender through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No.	Indent Number	Details of Tender	Tender Amount Rs. In lakhs	E.M.D. in Rs.
1	DMA/2022-23/ IND14947/CALL-2	Supply of Mini Excavator for Gadag-Betageri CMC	**24.50**	**61250.00**
2	DMA/2022-23/ IND14940/CALL-2	Supply of skid stair loader to Gadag-Betageri cmc	**28.00**	**70000.00**
3	DMA/2022-23/ IND14948/CALL-2	Supply of front end backhoe loader vehicle and Accessories for Gadag Betageri CMC.	**35.65**	**89125.00**
4	DMA/2022-23/ IND14944/CALL-2	Special purpose vehicle mounted Desilting machine mounted on a 1.6 ton GVW (BS-VI) chassis for Gadag	**29.00**	**72500.00**
5	DMA/2022-23/ IND14941/CALL-2	Supply of 8000 ltr vehicle mounted combination suction cum jetting machine for Gadag-Betageri CMC	**55.00**	**110000.00**
6	DMA/2022-23/ IND14960/CALL-2	Supply and Installation Conveyor belt for recycling facility	**4.90**	**12250.00**
7	DMA/2022-23/ IND15133	Supply and Installation of Common Facilities at SWM Site and DWCC Tools for Gadag Betageri CMC	**9.71**	**24300.00**

Tender Schedule Dates under e-procurement system are as below : (1) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : **13.03.2023** at 11.00 AM (2) Last date for submission of Tender : **16.03.2023** up to 4.00 PM (3) Date of opening Technical Bid : **18.03.2023** after 11.00 AM (4) Date of opening Financial Bid : **20.03.2023** after 11.00 AM

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council Gadag-Betageri

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I, SIRI.S, W/o K.H.Hemanth Kumar, R/a No.191/1, Thai Nilaya 1st Cross, Shankar Nagar Road, Domlur, Near BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560071 have changed my name to Siri Hemanth Kumar vide affidavit dt: 08.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, B'luru

I, Mucharla Nagendra Kumar S/O, Chinna Venkata Subbaiah Mucharla R/o F7, Prabavathi Square, Ramesh Reddy Layout, Dc Halli, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to Mucharla Nagendra Kumar for all purposes.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPA, R/at No.36/30, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Mount Joy Exten, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru-560019, have changed my name from Deepa to Deepa Gokaram Kupendra Guptha vide affidavit dated 08-03-2023 before Notary Mamatha N.K, Bengaluru.

It is for general information that I, Rashmi Sandeep alias Rashmi D/o Sridhar Kadaba Dwarakavasan, Ex.W/o Sandeep Lakshmikantharao Pawar, residing at G2, Shivaganga Maharani Apts, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Ags Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560061 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I got a divorce from my husband Vide Court Decree M.C.No. 3687/2015 dated 04/10/2016. Further I have changed my name Rashmi Sandeep alias Rashmi and shall hereafter be known as Rashmi Iyengar.

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I,SANDEEP MADHAV Rao,S/O Tetta Krishna Madhav Rao at residing at 005,Teja Sunshine Apts,16 D cross 1 st Main ,K R Puram,Pai Layout, Bengaluru –560016 have changed my name to SANDEEP RAO vide affidavit dated 08–03–2023

I, KAMALESH Pawankumar Sharma, S/o Pawankumar Ramkumar Sharma, R/a No.109, Poorna Pushkala, 3rd D Cross Road, Near HP Petrol Bunk or Kasturi Club, Kasthuri Nagar, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to Kamalesh Sharma vide affidavit dt: 08.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, B'luru

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1. **Auction No:** MSTC/BLR/M/s. BEML Limited/4/Near Sindhi hospital/22-23/43996 **Date of E-Auction: 30.03.2023, Time: 12.00 PM to 6:30 PM**
2. **Auction No:** MSTC/BLR/M/s. BEML Limited/3/Near Sindhi hospital/22-23/43997 **Date of E-Auction: 30.03.2023, Time: 12.00 PM to 5:30 PM**

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Zilla Panchayath, Chikkaballapura

Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,
Chikkaballapura

e-Procurement Short-term Tender Notification
No.: 29/2022-23 Date: 24.02.2023

Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW – I, III Rules.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement in Single Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works in the limits of Chikkaballapura Division from authorized Contractors enrolled in appropriate class in PWD. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (1)** Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule-B in website: **10.03.2023 up to 16.30 hours. (2)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **13.03.2023 after 16.35 hours. (3)** Application Fee (Non-returnable): **As per e-procurement Rules.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P. R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura

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No.EE/MPED-C/TEND/19/2022-23 Date:09.03.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GEM Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, MPED-Central Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for supply of the items listed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing and Installation of Live Sound Reinforcement System, Lighting and Lighting bar and Cyclorama Screen Revolve System for Town Hall Auditorium.	133.26	2,00,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from **https://gem.gov.in** portal from**: 10.03.2023 onwards. 2)** Last date for receipt of queries : **15.03.2023 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid Meeting : **16.03.2023 at 4.30 p.m. 4)** Last date for submission of tenders: **19.03.2023 upto 5.30 p.m. 5)** Opening of Technical bids: **20.03.2023 at 5.30 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website **https://gem.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MPED-Central Division.

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A day at the museum

Bengaluru might be known as the pub capital and Silicon Valley of the country, but the art and culture scenario here is something which is not always in the spotlight. While museums are often associated with ancient artefacts and historical figures, those in Bengaluru are now shedding that image with dedicated ones coming up for photography, music and other fields. Thousands of people visit them daily, and the numbers shoot up during weekends. **Jahnavi T.R. and Mahek Fathima** visited the museums to find out how they are doing while also exploring the diverse exhibits on display.

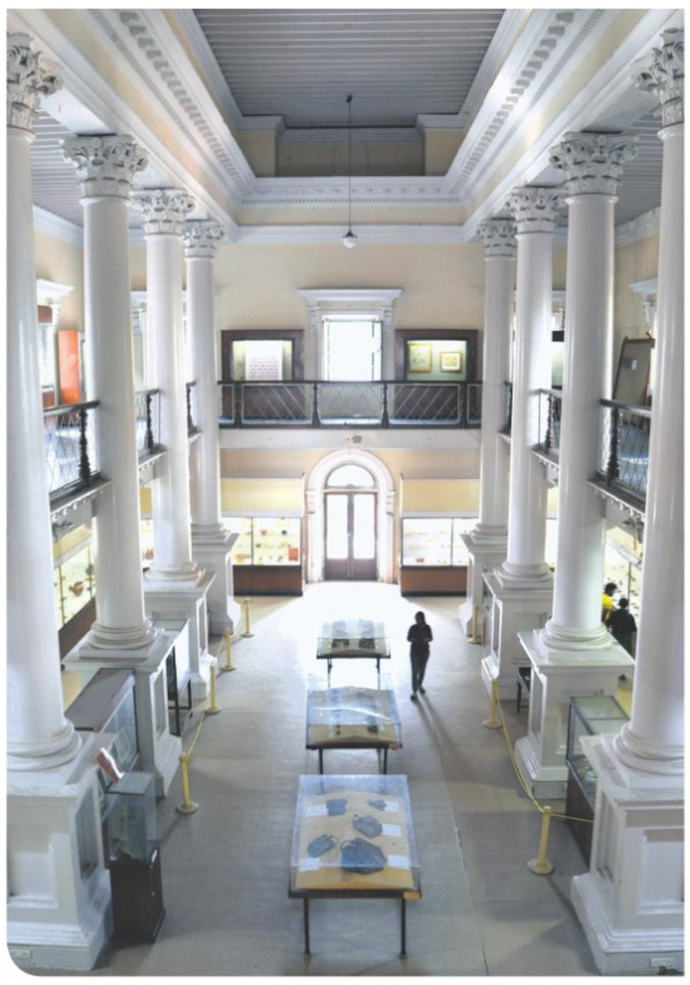
Indian Music Experience Museum: *A different tune*

Anyone who likes music will have a good time at the Indian Music Experience Museum at J.P. Nagar. At this interactive facility, visitors can learn and listen to a variety of music while gaining insights into different genres, artists and technicalities. So vast is the collection that a visit to this museum requires dedicated hours to experience every gallery.

Apart from galleries like 'Stories through Songs' (where there is a song for every mood like first love, cheer and more), 'Songs of Struggle' (where one can listen to songs used in political movements while expressing dissent and also find a replica of Mahatma Gandhi's letter to M.S. Subbalakshmi), visitors can also find their raaga, taala, and shruthi with the help of the tools at the museum. There is also a recording room where visitors can have the professional experience of recording songs in studios.

The museum attracts music enthusiasts, students, families and senior citizens, as there is something for everyone on its premises. "The curators here have managed to capture the essence of different styles of music in one place. While for us musicians, this is like paradise, for children and youngsters, this can be a good introduction to the vast ocean that is music," said Jagadish Kumar, a musician from Mysuru who visited the museum.

Various musical instruments at the Indian Music Experience Museum.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.



The different exhibits at the Government Museum.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Government Museum: *Second oldest in South India*

Adjacent to Visvesvaraya Museum stands the second oldest museum in South India, established in 1865. Even though 700-800 people visit this museum every day, with the number going upwards of 1,000 on weekends and holidays, the infrastructure at the Government Museum begs for improvement.

While it hosts a range of exhibits, from the oldest known Kannada inscription, Halmidi Shasana, to artefacts from Hoysala and Ganga ages, the descriptions here do not do justice to the story behind them.

According to a staff member, the patrons here are primarily senior citizens interested in history. Arjun, a youngster, said nothing piqued his interest."I had some free time and decided to come here as I had never been here before. But honestly, there is little explanation about why these objects are important."

However, a tourist couple who came from Kerala were impressed by the display. "We are history buffs and wanted to check out the artefacts from Tipu Sultan's era and much more. This visit has been quite exciting," said Aneena.

Those who visit the museum also usually go to the Venkatappa Art Gallery in the neighbouring building, where more than 600 paintings are on display.

Museum of Art and Photography: *Oasis of creativity*

The exhibits at the Museum of Art and Photography.
K. MURALI KUMAR

The Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) on Kasturba Road was thrown open to the public on February 18 this year. The five-storey building has an auditorium, an art and research library, a centre for education, a facility for specialised research and conservation, a cafe, a member's lounge, and a fine-dining restaurant.

With custody of over 60,000 artworks, the museum attracts a large number of art enthusiasts and also a growing population of new generation photographers.

"I am studying photography in college, and I am very interested in studying the works of as many artists as possible. Looking at the exhbits here gives me ideas about how I can be creative with my own photography," said Vipul K., a student.

Aircraft on display at the HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Museum.

HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Museum: *It's all about the skies*

A point of pride for the city, the HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Museum, established by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in 2001, is the first aerospace museum to be set up in the country. From models of various aircraft like MiG-21, Ajeet and Lakshya to exhibits like a model of PSLV and engines of various planes, this museum is all about the skies.

Visited by thousands of aviation enthusiasts, this facility is a favourite among schools to take their students on scientific excursions, as well as for aeronautical engineers. A visitor, who frequents the museum, said, "I like looking at the engineering marvels and the innovative features that were used in the older aircraft. Hence, I come here every month," he said.

For those who come from a defence background, this museum is also an inducer of nostalgia. "Since my dad was in the Army, when I was a child, I used to get a chance to see aero shows and parades. Now, as I can no longer go to such events, I make it a point to visit this museum to recall the old days and the flights I used to see back then," said Nimisha K, a software engineer.

Visvesvaraya Museum: *A haven for science enthusiasts*

A favourite among both children and adults, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technical Museum, located in the heart of the city on Kasturba Road, is an integral part of the Bengaluru museum trail. Spread over four floors, the museum, which is a haven for science enthusiasts, has sections for space technology and biotechnology, besides a fun zone and a dinosaur enclave. The fun zone is where visitors spend most of the time, while the other galleries get people interested in the respective subjects.

The infinity well, where the bottom of the well cannot be seen, the machine that tells the water weight of one's body, and the mirror arrangement are among the many attractive displays.

The footfall at the five-decade-old museum has risen from 1,44,265 public visitors and 3,624 students in 2021-22 to 1,74,795 public visitors and 1,18,374 students between April 2022 and January 2023.

"I have a passion for science and enjoy visiting this museum. I come here at least once a month. I like doing all the activities here," said Daivik Gowda, a student who was at the museum with his parents. "We have been coming here for decades, and now we are here with our grandchildren, who are enjoying the scientific models here," said Vishalakshi and Prabhakar.

The galleries at the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technical Museum.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Ticket prices at museums

	Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum	Government Art Museum	HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Museum	Indian Music Experience Museum	Museum of Art and Photography
General public ticket price (in ₹)	85	20	150 on weekdays and 250 on weekends	50	50 on weekdays and 150 on weekends
Children ticket price (in ₹)	30 per person (for organised school groups)	10	100 on weekdays and 150 on weekends	30	

Drumming up a new RHYTHM

The Mahindra Percussion Festival, to be held on March 18 at Bengaluru, brings together artistes from across the globe

Anurag Tagat

When the Mahindra Percussion Festival was announced, there was cheer but also surprise. How could a music festival cater solely to percussion instruments from India and the world, when traditionally, these have been stereotyped as accompanying elements in Indian classical, fusion and western music? But, Mahindra Percussion Festival's line up of artists speaks for itself. The day-long gathering will host artistes across styles, music cultures and countries.

It includes Mumbai's Ranjit Barot (also the festival curator), renowned world percussionist A Sivamani, kanjira exponent V Selvaganesh, Armenian-origin American multi-instrumentalist Arto Tunçboyaciyan and Spanish group Paquito Ensemble. Then, there are the drummers group Pulse Conversations – Gino Banks, Vinayak Pol and Jai Row Kavi, Mumbai-based konnakol ace Viveick Rajagopalan's Ta Dhom Project and Kerala's fusion act Chemmeen Band featuring Aattam Kalasamithi.

When interviewing some of the artistes performing at the festival, a common sentiment came up from the adjacent world of blues.

Ranjit Barot quoted the late American blues great Buddy Rich: "A great band with an average drummer is an average band and an average band with a great drummer is a great band".

Vinayak Pol added during his chat, "As it's rightly said, 'If you got a bad drummer, your band sounds immature'."

Ranjit Barot, the celebrated man behind the kit and a composer-producer in his own right, is part of the Mahindra Percussion Festival in the dual role. "It's been wonderful to get this opportunity to curate a festival such as this. It allows one to imagine all sorts of musical possibilities, combinations of talent and also to reconnect with fellow musicians, both here and abroad."

To the public eye, percussion and drumming may often appear as secondary or supporting instruments, but Ranjit disagrees. He points to traditions like jazz and jazz-fusion, where the drummer is considered one of the most important parts of the ensemble, compared to a guitarist or a lead singer.

He explains, "It's a perception thing, and largely on the part of the audience. The more educated you get musically, the more you appreciate each member's contribution to the overall sound."

Sivamani paints a more nuanced picture as well about the due that percussion has been given in India. Recalling the times he performed with the late singing legend SP Balasubrahmanyam, Sivamani says there was always a 15-minute section in each concert where it was the percussionist's time to shine.

"My set up was in the corner as part of the band. There started my passion for my solo percussion collection and I started seeing percussion greats like Billy Cobham, Trilok Gurtu sir, Zakir Hussain sir. I began collecting percussion instruments and started my own solo concerts," he says. Sivamani points to the likes of younger musicians like Gino Banks, who have made the style stand out.

It was not always like this. Sivamani notes how at Carnatic concerts decades ago, when the singer would give way to the percussionist, people would walk away. "But now, I'm seeing it all change," he adds.

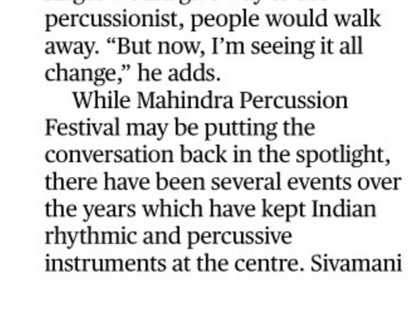
While Mahindra Percussion Festival may be putting the conversation back in the spotlight, there have been several events over the years which have kept Indian rhythmic and percussive instruments at the centre. Sivamani points to the Taal Vadya Utsav in Mumbai from the 1980s, started by Zakir Hussain and Jazz India, while we know of more recent events like Dumru Percussion Festival in Pune, Women of Rhythm and Mumbai Drum Day.

The last one is founded by Gino Banks, who is performing with two other drummers – Vinayak Pol and Jai Row Kavi – at this festival as part of their longstanding collaboration, Pulse Conversations. "The three of us have shared a history of playing and practising together on individual kits endlessly for hours. That's when it occurred to us to compose something on a drum set and offer an experience that hadn't been tried before without having melody instruments around."

Kanjira expert V Selvaganesh's presence at the Mahindra Percussion Festival offers a glimpse into his lineage and generational pursuit of keeping percussion traditions in focus in India. He says kanjira is now recognised as a solo instrument. "In fact, most of the drummers in America now carry a kanjira, thus establishing its international recognition," he adds. Like Ranjit Barot crediting guitar great John McLaughlin for educating audiences about the importance of a drummer in his band, Selvaganesh too points to the efforts of ghatam maestro and his father Vikku Vinayakram with jazz-fusion band Shakti to break barriers. "Our duty is to take these instruments to the next level of recognition and innovation," he says.

At the Mahindra Percussion Festival, we will see them shoulder this responsibility together. Selvaganesh promises an interactive performance, Pol says they will team up with Ta Dhom Project and Ranjit will jam with Tunçboyaciyan and the flamenco guitarist Jose Quevedo 'Bolita' and dancer Antonia Molina 'El Choro'.

The drummer hopes that his role as curator continues, as there is a lot to bring to the forefront through the festival. "There's much to be explored in our own country. There are new and upcoming artistes and many stalwarts of Indian classical and tribal percussion who need to be featured."



Beat poets (Clockwise from far left) Gino Banks, Ranjit Barot, Selvaganesh and Sivamani. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mahindra Percussion Festival will be held on March 18 at Jayamahal Palace Hotel in Bengaluru, in association with *The Hindu Group*.

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Noise by choice Maneating Orchid in action. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rock around the clock

This weekend's line up of metal melodies in Bengaluru is bound to knock your socks off

Anurag Tagat

You might not expect it from metal music, but there is something for everyone at the upcoming second edition of Stress//Test, a gig series started by city-based organisers Spectral Decay, featuring performances by Dirge, The Earth Below, Megadrone and Maneating Orchid.

If you are into ambient, psychedelic music, Megadrone will be ditching their guitars for modular and semi-modular synths and effects at the gig. Founder Ganesh Krishnaswamy tells *MetroPlus* that it is going to be an hour of drone, spectral music and 1970s-inspired psychedelia and minimalist styles. Given their approach, Krishnaswamy – who is part of stoner/doom metal band Bevar Sea and Kryptos – hopes everyone gets comfortable and stays off their phones for a while. "We have a generative video to complement the music, they can choose to watch that or close their eyes and nod off. The idea is for them to completely immerse themselves," he says.

Drone and doom, spectral music and grunge will converge at this offering of heavy music

For those who dig rock, grunge and noisy kind of heavy music, Mumbai-based The Earth Below is making its live debut at Stress//Test 2. It is the first time that singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Deepak Raghu's solo work will be performed live. As a drummer, Raghu has fronted sludge band Shepherd and sat in for seasoned acts. When the time came to put his own band together for The Earth Below, guitarist Ashish Niraj Dharkar and drummer Shreyansh Kejriwal infused the right amount of enthusiasm to get things off the ground. There was no better platform to launch The Earth Below's live set than Stress//Test, according to Raghu. "We'll be performing songs from our debut full-length *Nothing Works Vol 2* as well as road testing some new material that we're currently working on."

Plotting a launch of their own are Mumbai-based band Dirge, who are returning to perform in the city at Spectral Decay. This time, they are touring with their second album, a self-titled record spanning 40 minutes of doom and post-metal, out on March 10. Guitarist Varun Patil says, "We're thrilled to be playing the full album live, especially after an overwhelming response over our singles." Bengaluru holds a special place for the band for being a receptive audience every time they have played over the years.

Local mathcore/metal band Maneating Orchid's vocalist Kaushal LS says they will keep the energy "frantic and unhinged" for the audience. Their chaotic style of music makes that an easy task. "The bands on this bill are absolutely stellar. We're pretty stoked to watch this lineup. It's going to be wild!" he says.

Spectral Decay presents STRESS//TEST 2 on March 12 at Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala. Tickets: ₹799 available on Insider.in + ₹499 cover charge payable at the gate.

A perilous crossing

Directed by Arjun Sajnani, *Crossing to Talikota*, a play by the late Girish Karnad, reopens in Bengaluru this weekend

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This is a bittersweet story about a story. The play, *Crossing to Talikota*, was written by Girish Karnad who had handed the script to director Arjun Sajnani over lunch one afternoon.

Arjun admits he spent about three months pondering on how to produce and manage the piece before agreeing to direct it.

"Years ago, Girish had sent me the script of *The Fire and The Rain* by courier," says Arjun. "It was unexpected and when I opened the parcel, it was a Girish Karnad original; it went on to become one of my biggest successes. This was my second opportunity to do an original piece by Girish which had not been done before."

Crossing to Talikota would be Girish's last written piece for the stage; he passed away before its scheduled opening in October 2019.

Power play A scene from *Crossing to Talikota*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"While his absence created a vacuum in my life as well as for everyone who worked on the show, Girish was not the kind to interfere in the directing process. He believed in his work and believed those who handled it would do it justice while keeping his integrity as a writer intact."

Crossing to Talikota opened successfully three years ago in Bengaluru, but had to down shutters in Mumbai on opening night due to the lockdown.

Arjun says he used the three-year gap to work with Javed Siddique to turn *Crossing to Talikota* into a film script. While that project is still a work in progress, "it gave me more insight into the material and made me delve deeper into it as a director. My cast was able to integrate those new insights to up their performance. As a result, it is now a great show. It always was a splendid production but this time we are bringing a little more to it than we did the first time around."

Crossing to Talikota is about the downfall of the Vijaynagara empire, which was being ruled by Ramaraya, son-in-law of Emperor Krishnadevaraya. Ramaraya loses the war at Talikota because four sultans combine forces against him. "It was an exercise in ambition, greed and ego.The play is a good character study apart from having some emotional content as well," says Arjun.

Crossing to Talikota returns to Bengaluru under the aegis of Embassy and will show at Chowdiah Memorial Hall from March 10 to 12 and in Mumbai on March 31 and April 1 and 2 at JBT auditorium, NCPA. *Tickets available on Bookmyshow, Sunny's in Bengaluru and at the venue in Mumbai.*

STEPOUT

Music 'n' colour

Ekatvam presents the Ekatvam Holi Music Fest 2023 as part of Holi celebrations. The line-up includes Siddharth Belmannu, Kalynapuram S Aravind, HM Smitha, Akshay Anand, and Sufi artiste Mukhtiyar Ali for Hindustani music, along with Akkarai Sisters and Chilkunda Sisters for Carnatic classics.
At Bangalore Gayana Samaja, from March 10 to 12, 4pm onwards. Entry is free.

Dance of the departed

Meepao India Tour brings a unique celebration of the departed soul. Meepao is a dance form, created by choreographer Surjit Nongmeikapam, which features minimal movements. The performance invites members of the audience to join in the celebration as well. Surjit is the winner of the Ami Arts Festival Youth Award For Performing Arts in 2021.
On March 11 and 12, at Shoonya, at 4pm. Tickets on Insider and BookMyShow

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INBRIEF

Chief Election Commissioner reviews poll preparation

A team of senior officials, led by Rajiv Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner, along with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel, reviewed the preparedness for the Assembly elections in Karnataka on Thursday.

The Election Commission first held a meeting with representatives of political parties separately at the Vikasa Soudha.

The commission also held review meetings with Chief Electoral Officer for Karnataka Manoj Kumar Meena on the pre-election preparations at the State level. Several suggestions and directions were given by the commission.

On Friday, the commission will hold a meeting with the district election and police officials. A special exhibition on voter awareness, a hackathon will be launched on Friday.

Panel objects to BDA not submitting tenders worth over ₹660 cr. for scrutiny

Committee chairperson lists several instances when tenders of over ₹50 crore were issued in many departments without submitting them to panel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) recently issued two tenders for electrical works in Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout together worth ₹669.32 crore without passing it through the State Pre-Tender Scrutiny Committee, to which the committee has now taken objection. This is only the latest instance of tenders of over ₹50 crore not being submitted for scrutiny.

Following allegations of widespread corruption of "40% commission" in State government contracts, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai instituted the State Pre-Tender Scrutiny Committee for all tenders of over ₹50 crore in December 2021.

Retired high court judge Rathnakala, chairperson of the committee, in her letter to Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*, not only flagged the recent case of BDA tenders but also listed several past instances when tenders of over ₹50 crore were issued without submitting them to the committee beforehand.

"Tenders pertaining to rural water supply, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam, municipal administration, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, and the Department of Ports had earlier published their tenders of over ₹50 crore value on the Karnataka Public Procurement portal, without submitting the same for scrutiny by this committee," the letter stated.

A file photo of Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout developed by the BDA in Bengaluru.

The letter also flagged the delay in the E-Governance Department incorporating a mandatory field in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal for a unique scrutiny committee code for all tenders of above ₹50 crore.

"We requested the E-Governance Department for this unique scrutiny committee code to be incorporated into the software. But they said it will take some time and it has been over a year now and it hasn't materialised yet. Such a code will make uploading any tender of above ₹50 crore on the portal impossible without the scrutiny code," Ms. Rathnakala told *The Hindu*.

"But for this small tweak in the software, everything else is in place," the committee chairperson said.

Tenders withdrawn

Ms. Rathnakala said that following her letter to the Chief Secretary, the BDA withdrew the two tenders and submitted them for scrutiny before the committee. In a letter to Ms. Rathnakala, the Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, has said the department had taken the lapse seriously and directed the BDA Commissioner to take disciplinary action against the officials responsible for it.

Civil society groups launch 'Eddelu Karnataka' campaign

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BENGALURU

Multiple civic society groups and noted writers and intellectuals have come together to launch a campaign, 'Eddelu Karnataka' (Wake up Karnataka), against the incumbent "double-engine sarkara" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

An appeal signed by writers such as Devanur Mahadeva, Rahamat Tarikere, Purushottam Bilimale, A.R. Vasavi, and Vijayamma, said, "The upcoming elections will decide whether our State will be able to breathe free and recover from the toxic suffocating atmosphere of today's Karnataka politics or not."

About the coming elections, the appeal said, "There is a chance before the people of the State to bring Karnataka out of this catastrophic situation. Elections are coming." The signatories said the goal is that the incumbent government must be defeated, rather than who should come to power next.

"This government came to power through Operation Kamala which is essentially a subversion of democracy. Corruption in this government has reached unprecedented levels," the appeal said, citing the instance of Madal Virupaskhappa, MLA accused in a corruption case, celebrating on the streets.

Mr. Mahadeva told *The Hindu*: "Dissenters have been browbeaten. The judiciary and the media seem to be in a crisis. There is price rise affecting people and communal conflicts galore. All these are interrelated. The only way to fight this is to first defeat this government and fight the next one that comes to power.

DEVANUR MAHADEVA,
writer

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There is a large discontent among the people against the ruling party. There is a grave need to convert this discontent into political awareness. Civil society has to take up this task, said the joint appeal.

Activists who are part of the group said they do not plan on massive conventions, but would work among groups such as students, Dalits, and farmers in constituencies. "We are trying to build a parallel network to the political parties in every constituency, which we can leverage to build issue-based campaigns at a later stage and electorally against communalism," said a member of the Eddelu Karnataka campaign.

BJP MLC Puttanna joins Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major setback to the ruling BJP, four-time MLC Puttanna on Thursday quit the party and joined the Congress.

Mr. Puttanna, who won from Bangalore Teachers' constituency in November 2020, has more than three years left to complete the term as an MLC.

'Problems not solved'

He joined the Congress in the presence of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, and AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala. Mr. Puttanna said the BJP government had not solved the problems of teachers in the State.

Puttanna

He resigned from the membership of the Legislative Council and submitted resignation to the BJP. He had served as the Deputy Chairman of the Council.

The Congress is expected to field Mr. Puttanna from one of the constituencies in Bengaluru. He was elected to the Council from the teachers' constituency comprising Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara districts. Sources said the party was expected to field him either from Rajajinagar or Yeshwantpur constituency in Bengaluru.

"Suffocated & stifled by the #40PercentSarkara & its anti-youth, anti-teacher policies, Sh Puttanna, BJP MLC, today resigned as MLC & from BJP membership. He has 4 years tenure as MLC remaining. We at @INCKarnataka commend his bold and courageous move. BJP's reverse count is on," Mr. Surjewala tweeted.

No instance of all MLAs getting ticket: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/BELAGAVI

Endorsing the statement of BJP parliamentary board member B.S. Yediyurappa that four to six party MLAs may not get the ticket to contest the Assembly elections, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday maintained that there were "no instances of all the incumbent MLAs getting ticket in any election".

"Every election will be different from the previous one. Hence you don't get instances of all the incumbent MLAs getting ticket to contest the next polls," the Chief Minister told media persons at Chikka Galagali village in Vijayapura district. When reporters sought to draw his attention to Mr. Yediyurappa's statement in this regard, he said the veteran leader may have information on some of the party MLAs missing out on the ticket as he is a member of the party's parliamentary board. At the same time, he made it clear that the party was not examining any proposal on not giving ticket to those aged above 70.

Seeking to downplay the episode of party MLA Madal Virupakshappa facing a corruption case, he said there was nothing that the party could hush up in this episode as the Lokayukta was an independent institution.

Congress and JD(S) are two sides of the same coin: Nadda

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP national president J.P. Nadda on Thursday tried to turn the tables on the Congress and the JD(S) of indulging in rampant corruption and describing them as two faces of the same coin.

Mr. Nadda, who visited the State for the first time after the BJP faced the embarrassment of its MLA Madal Virupakshappa finding himself in the Lokayukta's net over corruption, launched a counterattack at the Opposition that has started a campaign against the BJP dispensation over corruption.

"The JD(S) and the Congress are the two sides of the same coin. Both parties believe in corruption and commission, casteism and communalism, divisive politics, and divide-and-rule strategy," Mr. Nadda alleged while addressing a public meeting at K.R. Puram in Bengaluru after taking out a roadshow.

Making his point, he quizzed people if the JD(S) and the Congress did not indulge in corruption and that if Congress leaders were not out on bail.

Accusing the Congress of becoming mentally bankrupt, he said its leaders had started opposing the country in the name of opposing Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

RASTHA project inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences along with JeevaRaksha Trust has collaborated with the Department of Health and Family Welfare to start a unique initiative to train trauma responders from among police, ambulance drivers, and citizens living within a 3-km radius of the 26 trauma hotspots in the State. The project RASTHA (Rapid Response, Assessment, Stabilisation and Safe Transport in Highway Accidents) was inaugurated on Thursday.

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The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: **Aland taluka -01(Indent No 60087) Kalaburagi taluka -01(Indent No 60089),** 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class- II & above, 4) Tender Amount : **Min 1,43,89,237/-, Max 2,16,47,020/-,** 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **09-03-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **15-03-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : **16-03-2023 4.01pm,** 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **18-03-2023 11:00am,** 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

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5.	G.N. Venugopal	25/4	2	00	Lalgondanahalli	Chinna Narayana-swamy's land	Sy. No. 25/2	Sarojamma's land	B.G. Venugopal's land
6.	G.N. Venugopal	26/3	2	12	Lalgondanahalli	Sy. No. 25/1 & 25/2	Sy. No. 26/2	Sy. No. 29/2	Sarojamma & Siddappa's land
7.	G.N. Venugopal	29/1	00	15	Lalgondanahalli	Sy. No. 29/3	Ravi Kumar's land	Venkateshappa's land	Nitish Layout;
8.	G.N. Venugopal	29/2	1	7	Lalgondanahalli	Kurubarana Kunte Gadi;	Gollara Venkata-rayappa's land	Puttanna & B.G Chennappa's land	Old Sy. No. 56 & New Sy. No. 58.
9.	G.N. Venugopal	29/4	00	14	Lalgondanahalli	G.N Venugopal's land	Sy. No. 29/1	Gowda & Naga-rajappa's land	Sy. No. 29/3
10.	G.N. Venugopal	58/2	00	25	Guttahalli	Land belongs to Papanna & Venksteshappa, Sy. No. 59 & Kurubarakunte Border	Ultra Devanahalli Property	Gollara Venkatarayappa's land	Sy. No. 29/1, 29/2 & 29/3
11.	G.N. Venugopal	58/3	00	9	Guttahalli	Kurubarakunte Village Border	Venkatarayappa's land	G.N. Venugopal's land	Nitesh Layout

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 10/03/2023

Mrs. Kavana N. A
No. 611, 2nd Cross Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT ANEKAL

G&W.C 5007/2023

Between:
1. Sri. Prabhakar S.,
S/o. Subba Reddy C.M.,
Aged about 44 years
2. Smt. R. Shilpa,
W/o. Prabhakar S.,
Aged about 38 years.
Both are R/at VTC Narayanaghatta, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District 560099 .... Petitioners
Nill .... Petitioners

Summons to Respondent

Whereas **Sri. Prabhakar S.,** S/o. Subba Reddy C.M. aged about 44 years, R/at VTC NarayanaGhatta, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District 560099, has instituted the above petition against you and others, for the relief of permit them to dispose of the schedule property for existing market value of the suit schedule property and other reliefs. You are here by noticed to appear in this court in person or by pleader on 21.04.2023 at 11:00 'O' Clock to answer the same, failing which the case will be disposed of ex-parte. Given under hand and the seal of the this 6th day of March 2023.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing plot No. 142 formed in Survey number 19/5, having Khatha No. 1057 / 142, situated at Narayanaghatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, in the layout known as ``Bellezea'' the layout plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority LAO/67/2012-13, dated 22.01.2023 measuring East: 48.2 feet, West: 48 feet, North: 87.2 feet, South: 91.4 feet totally measuring 4285 sq.ft. bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 143 and South by: Site No. 141.

By the Order of Court
Sd/-
Chief Ministerial Officer, III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge's Court Anekal, Bangalore Rural Dist.

R.V.V. Murthy, Advocate,
Teju Nilaya, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Bheem rao Layout, Anekal Town and Taluk, Bangalore district.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross, 12th 'A' Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru - 560038.

No: EE/CVR/E-Proc/35/2022-23 Date: 09-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two cover system)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive development of drain, roads and footpath and other development works in C V Ramannagar Constituency in ward No. 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125	1000.00	15,000,00.00 Paid through e-procurement online payment

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last date for Receipt of Queries up to **17.03.2023 at 16:00 hours** 3) Date of pre bid meeting at The office of Executive Engineer (C.V.Raman Nagara division) on **17.03.2023 at 11:30 hours 4)** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals **20.03.2023 upto 16:30 hours 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **21.03.2023 at 16:30 hours.** Further details may be had from the above said office during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main,11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru-86.

No: EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/27/2022-23 Date: 08.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those Who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management Consultancy (PMC) for the below works through e-procurement system by the Executive Engineer Mahalkshmipuram Division.

Name of the Work	Project Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Providing Project Management Consultancy Services (PMC) for the work of Comprehensive Development of roads drains and other development works in Mahalakshmi Layout Constituency.	2250.00	45,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of RFP Document from 10.03.2023. (2) Any Queries on 14.03.2023 at 4:00 pm. (3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is 17.03.2023 upto 4:00 pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is 18.03.2023 at 4:30 pm. (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Mahalakshmipuram Division

Long-lost moth species caught on camera in T.N. forest

P. Sudhakar
TIRUNELVELI

Two researchers from Tamil Nadu have spotted a rare moth species for the first time in India in the buffer zone of the Kalakkad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) after it was last sighted 127 years ago – at Trincomalee in Sri Lanka in 1893.

Interestingly, the researchers, Thalavaipandi Subbaiah of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and Prashanth Prakhalathan of Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission, are the first in the world to photograph the moth species *Mimeusemia ceylonica*, as only an illustration of the insect existed previously. Recognising this feat, international peer-reviewed journal on animal science, *Species*, had published an article on their work in Febraur.

Mimeusemia ceylonica is a moth species belonging to the subfamily Agaristinae and family Noctuidae. It was first illustrated and described by English entomologist George Hampson in 1893. The species was rediscovered during a moth survey conducted on October 11, 2020 at the Agasthyamalai Community-based Conservation Centre (ACCC) situated in the buffer zone of KMTR, Tirunelveli district, by Mr. Thalavaipandi and Mr. Prashanth.

In a flash: Moth *Mimeusemia ceylonica*, which was rediscovered in Tirunelveli district in 2020. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After spotting the moth in the same area on November 5, 2021, Mr. Thalavaipandi again sighted it at the Vallanaadu Blackbuck Sanctuary in Thoothukudi district on November 5, 2022.

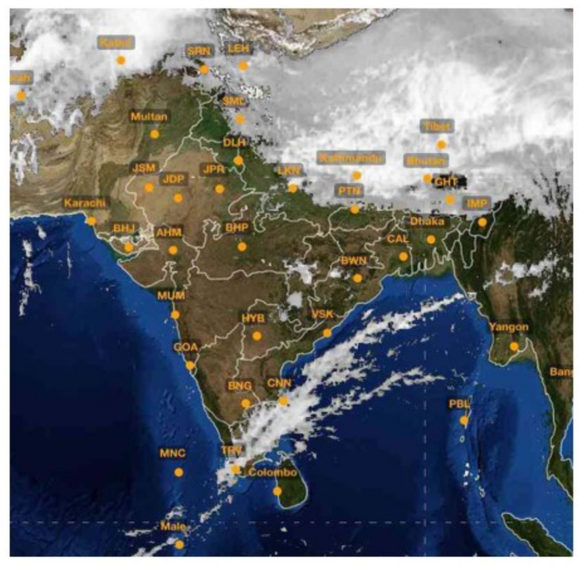
"After the first record in Trincomalee many years ago, no one spotted the moth until we saw it in 2020 in India. There is deficient data about the history of this species. We could see only one moth on all these occasions and not as a pair and hence we did not try to do genitalia dissection to study it further," Mr. Thalavaipandi said.

On the significance of the spotting of *Mimeusemia ceylonica* in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts, Mr. Thalavaipandi said it was "testimony to the rich biodiversity of this region".

"We have recorded around 300 moth species in ATREE premises near the Manimuthar Dam alone and hence there should be numerous moth species around us. Governments should encourage studies on moths as there are very few studies on them in comparison to species such as butterfly," he says.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty wind likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and central Maharashtra. Heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Saurashtra & Kutch, Konkan & Goa and coastal Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.7	18.0	Kozhikode	—	35.8	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	18.8	Kurnool	—	34.4	21.3
Aizawl	—	33.0	13.8	Lucknow	—	31.0	16.5
Allahabad	—	33.7	16.6	Madurai	—	35.4	23.1
Bengaluru	—	29.6	18.2	Mangaluru	—	35.0	22.6
Bhopal	—	—	14.9	Mumbai	—	37.9	21.6
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6	21.0	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	30.3	14.9	New Delhi	—	31.0	16.7
Chennai	—	31.6	23.5	Patna	—	33.0	16.5
Coimbatore	—	33.8	20.6	Port Blair	—	31.8	25.2
Dehradun	—	29.6	13.0	Puducherry	—	33.1	20.7
Gangtok	—	20.0	10.6	Pune	—	33.6	20.0
Goa	—	35.8	22.0	Raipur	—	35.7	21.1
Guwahati	—	34.7	17.5	Ranchi	0.2	32.7	15.6
Hubballi	—	35.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.4	12.3
Hyderabad	—	33.0	19.8	Shimla	16	17.4	5.8
Imphal	—	30.9	13.7	Srinagar	—	21.7	2.9
Jaipur	7.3	28.4	16.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.4	25.0
Kochi	—	33.8	25.6	Tiruchi	—	34.1	22.6
Kohima	—	23.2	9.8	Vijayawada	—	34.0	23.0
Kolkata	—	33.2	21.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.9	—

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..	..	.14	...256	...226	
Bengaluru	...7	..98	.62	56	94	
Chennai	.23	..34	.58	...120	99	
Delhi	.19	..56	.34	...173	...158	
Hyderabad	...6	..45	.41	...134	...138	
Kolkata	.11	..49	.69	...112	...115	
Lucknow	.21	..42	.36	...102	93	
Mumbai	.82	268	100	...117	...126	
Pune	.99	133	115	...223	...140	
Visakhapatnam	.17	..59	.34	...136	...173	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 500 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Karnataka Chief Minister's home district among bottom five in HDI

Bengaluru stands at the top in terms of human development achievement, followed by Dakshina Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi and Kodagu

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Identifying challenges for improvement of human development in Karnataka, the Human Development Index report 2022 noted that five Kalyana Karnataka districts continue to be low performing regions in the State while Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home district Haveri is among the bottom five districts in terms of HDI in Karnataka.

While the low performing districts identified are Yadgir, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Koppal and Ballari, the report of the fourth HDI, released earlier this week, said Ballari, Bidar, Gadag, Bagalkot, Vijayapura and Haveri need focused approach to address deprivations in health, education and quality of life. Ranked 27th in the State out of 30 districts, Haveri district's Savanur taluk is also in the bottom 10 taluks.

Increase in HDI

Bengaluru stands at the top in terms of human development achievement and can be categorised as districts with high human development as per UNDP international comparison, the report said, adding that Dakshina Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi and Kodagu follow Bengaluru. Bagalkot, Ballari, Ramanagar, Mandya, Yadgir and Koppal districts have shown an increase in HDI that is significantly high.

The report said that between 1990 and 2021, India's HDI value changed from 0.434 to 0.633, registering a change of 45.9 %. Karnataka's HDI is above national average and in 2019-2020, Karnataka stood 11th in the country. From 1990 to 2021, the index changed from 0.432 to 0.644, indicating achievement in human development increased from 43 % to 64.4 %. It noted that the life expectancy in Karnataka has increased to 69.5 years while maternal mortality ratio has come down to 83 per lakh live births in 2022 to 69 in 2022.

The fourth Human Development report 2022 is presented with a specific action-oriented agenda to reach the $ one trillion GDP through human development milestones in the sustainable development goals, and link SDG to vision 2030.

Health concerns

Maternal Mortality rate is high in Dharwad, Chickballapur, Bidar, Hassan, Haveri, Shivamogga, Tumakuru and Chamarajanagar due to 45.7 % of pregnant women in the age group between 15 years and 49 years are anaemic or malnourished. The report noted that an equal number of women have high blood pressure and only 44.7 % pregnant women consume iron folic acid.

Bengaluru, Kodagu and Ramanagara have high percentage of adults with blood pressure, diabetes and obesity, while Koppal, Yadgir and Raichur have high incidence of malnourished children and anaemic women. High dropout rates at 2 lakh children in secondary education and 4,687 high schools has been flagged as a matter of concern along with lack of sanitation and transportation facilities in rural areas.

Gender inequality

The report noted that Karnataka stands 17th in Gender Inequality Index among 22 major states in the country. This is mainly because of the poor political representation by women and huge gender gap in labour force participation rate at 43.6 %, it pointed out.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yagachi Project Division, Belur. **PHONE: 08177-222294**

Short term Tender Notification No.32/2022-23, Dated: 08.03.2023 (Through e-procurement portal only)

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Yagachi Project Division, Belur-573115 Hassan Dist., invited Short termTender Notification through e- procurement only on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III &above of any State/Central Government/Public Sector organization in Two cover system on the basis of KW-2, 3 & 4 conditions. 1)Maximum Estimate cost: Rs. 185.00 Lakhs, 2) Minimum Estimate cost Rs. 30.00 Lakhs. 3) Maximum EMD amount Rs.2.33Lakhs. 4) Minimum EMD amount Rs.0.50Lakhs 5) Number of Works: 09 (Nine) 6) The contractor can have access e-tender documents from Date:-09-03-2023 from 4.00 PM to Date:-16-03-2023 at 4.00 pm. through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by e –portal, 7) Pre-bid meeting on Date:- 13-03-2023 at 04.00PMonwards. (if possible) 8)Opening of Technical bid on Date:- 18-03-2023 at 11.00 am onwards. (if possible) 9)Opening of Financial bid on Date:- After the Approval of Technical Bid. 10)Time limit :06and 09 months (Including monsoon). For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Department).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, CNNL., Yagachi Project Division, Belur
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(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated:06.03.2023

Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no: 76/2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works (Tumakuru, Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs.1950.00 Lakhs.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before 14-03-2023 (up to 4.00 pm).Technical bids will be opened on 15-03-2023 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 17-03-2023 after 4.00 Pm . Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/1087/KSMCA/2022-23

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 15/2022-23 Dated: 07.03.2023

Short Term Tender invited from qualified contractors for the works through e-procurement portal as per standard bid document. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Documents may be downloaded from Dt : **10-03-2023** & last date for submission of tenders Dt : **18-03-2023** up to **16.00** hours, Date of opening of Technical bid Dt : **20-03-2023** at **10.30** hours (If possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-Procurement. No of works 01. Estimate Cost Rs. 500.00 lakhs.

For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
PWD Ramanagar Division, Ramanagara.

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
The Registrar (Evaluation), Pareeksha Bhavan, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University, Bengaluru-560056.

No. EX-III: PHD:ADMN:ONLINE:SFTWR:2022-23 Date: 09.03.2023

NOTIFICATION

Bangalore University invites quotations in two cover system i.e. Technical & Financial bids, from registered companies/ firms towards designing and developing software to implement the online process of admission, issue of receipt to students for application, acknowledgement for application with serial number, communication to students, downloading of hall tickets, design of OMR sheet & question papers, uploading of result, preparation of merit list and other related aspects for PhD admission process at the Examination branch, Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bengaluru-560056, within 30 days of publication of this notification.

The Technical & Financial bid and terms and conditions may be downloaded from the University's website **www.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in** The bids are to be submitted to the Deputy Registrar (Evaluation), Examination branch-III. Pareeksha bhavan, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University, Bengaluru-560056. For clarifications/queries e-mail at **registrar_evaluation@bub.ernet.in.**

Sd/- Registrar (EVALUATION)

ZILLA PANCHAYATH TUMKUR.
(Mid Day Meal Scheme, Akshara Dasoha
Ph No: 0816 -2261567 Email –eomdmtumkur@gmail.co
No: Z.P.AD:06/2022-23 Date: 02.03.2023

Short Term Tender Advertisement

The appointment of food grains transport contractors Chikkanayakanhalli & Koratagere Taluks of "Akshara Dasoha Programme" for Supplying 1-8 fortified Rice & Wheat, 9-10Common Rice, Toor Dal, Sunflower Oil, Iodised Salt & Other Food Grains to Govt & Aided, Primary & High Schools kitchen Centres of the Tumkur District in the year 2022-23 reg

Ref: Commissioner Office, Bengalore Letter No:M2/M.D.M/01/2022-23 D:05.08.2023

To appoint the transporters, as said above the tenders are invaited from Chief Executive officer, Zilla panchayath, Tumkur. The interested lorry owners (Transporters) (who have Registered in R.T.O Office) as application fee through online. [as per E-procurement Portal which is not reimbursed in future). For more details one may get information through web site. (www.eproc.karanataka.gov.in).

Details: 1) The date of Publish of the tender in State Buletin: **10.03.2023 at 10.30am. 2)** The open date for filling and submitting the tender application through online: **10.03.2023 At 10.30am 3)** The date of pre Bid tender Meeting **15.03.2023** at 11.30am. **4)** The last date of submission of filled tender forms through online **24.03.2023 at 5.00pm 5)** The date of Openinig of Technical Bid tender: **27.03.2023** at 12.30am 6) The date of Openinig of Financial Bid tender **06.04.2023** at 12.30am.

The Contractor will be charged for a period of one year from the date issue. Related to this tender, EMD amount & for other detalis one may contact, Education officer, Akshara Dasoha, Zilla panchayath, Tumkur, ph (0816-2261567) during the office hours & get more information.

Sd/- Eductional Officer, Akshara Dasoha
Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur.

DIPR/TUM/1078/KSMCA/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No-2 Babaleshwar- 586 113.
Phone:08355-283011
E-mail ID: eemli2babaleshwar@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/MLID-2/PB-4/SCP-TSP-MP-21-22 /2022-23/2149
Date:08.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION 3rd Call
(Through e-Procurement only)

Ref: 1] This office tender Notification No: 1836 Dated: 31.01.2023

2] This office 2nd call tender Notification No.2003 dated: 17.02.2023

In continuation of tender notification at above reference, tender is invited 2nd call **tender on KW-2 & 3** from KPWD Class-I & Class-II Contractors for 03 Nos of works under SCP head for the year 2021-22 under Vijayapur MP Constituency 1] Indent No.23532 for Rs.20.42 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-ST Contractor-Single Cover] 2] Indent No.23531 for Rs.45.98 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-SC Contractor-Single Cover], 3] Indent No.23528 for Rs.97.06 lakhs [SCP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover] & 02 Nos of works under TSP head 1] Indent No.23518 for Rs.40.87 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-SC Contractor-Single Cover], & 2] Indent No.23516 for Rs.91.95 lakhs [TSP-Borewell-General Contractor-Two cover]

Issue and submission of E-tender documents

1] The Contractor can have access to e-tender document from **09.03.2023 to 18.03.2023** up to 5.00 PM. 2] Cover-1 [Technical bid] will be opened **on 20.03.2023 at 11.00 AM.3]** Cover-2 [Financial bid] will be opened **on 23.03.2023 at 11.00 AM** in the office of Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No.2 Babaleshwar.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, MLI Division-2, Babaleshwar
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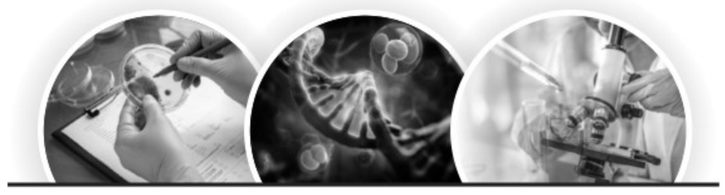
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (DBT), GOVT OF INDIA
BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COUNCIL
(An Industry - Academia Interface of DBT)

ANNOUNCES CALL UNDER
NATIONAL BIOPHARMA MISSION
Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission For Accelerating Early Development of Bio-pharmaceuticals
(Funded jointly by Department of Biotechnology and World Bank)
For the development of candidate therapeutics and diagnostics against Anti-Microbial Resistant pathogens



Focus of the call

Development of candidate therapeutics, any other novel approaches, and countermeasures to combat Anti-Microbial Resistance
(The proposed candidate should have established Proof of Principle, completed TRL-2)

Development of diagnostics to detect Anti-Microbial Resistant Pathogens
(The diagnostics should have demonstrated Proof of Concept, completed TRL-3)

How to Apply

Proposals to be submitted online only. For submitting proposals online, please log on to: www.birac.nic.in/birac_registration_page.php

For details regarding Request For Proposal document, log on to: www.birac.nic.in/nationalbiopharmamission.php

Call Opens: 10th March 2023
Last date of Submission: 24th April 2023 (5:00 PM)

For queries, please contact:

Chief Manager, PMU-NBM: nbm1.birac@nic.in I Senior Manager, Technical: tech01.birac@nic.in

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Free of opposition

All parties in Nagaland are scrambling for the power pie

In Nagaland, which voted for the continuation of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP)-BJP coalition, in the Assembly election held on February 27, power sharing among various interest groups is often predicated on the fact that the State's fortunes are deeply tied to its relations with the Centre. The party in power in Delhi gets a significant say in the State's politics. In the NDPP-BJP 40-20 seat understanding, their coalition won 37. The rest was shared by several parties, such as Nationalist Congress Party, which stands third with seven seats. Politics in Nagaland is such that nobody wants to be in the Opposition and all MLAs have now extended support to the NDPP-BJP government. Far from being a sign of healthy political unity, the complete absence of an Opposition in the Assembly has pushed the State to a new low in terms of a lack of legislative accountability. The purported reason for this scandalous unity that started in the previous Assembly is to jointly work towards resolving the "Indo-Naga political issue" that pertains to a settlement with separatist organisations. But in practice, this has now become a scramble for a share in the power pie.

Neiphiu Rio, who remains in the saddle as Chief Minister, enjoys the trust of the BJP, which has got five berths in the Council of Ministers. Mr. Rio's defection from the Congress sent that party in a downward spiral, even as he became the Chief Minister in 2003 after joining the NPF. There are two firsts in the State Assembly as well – two women Members, one of whom is also the first woman Minister in the State, which is remarkable considering Nagaland's patriarchal character. Former Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, who moved to the NDPP from the NPF in 2022, is a Deputy Chief Minister. The representation of the regions of Nagaland and the major Naga communities is more balanced this time. The State faces serious development challenges and its governance deficiency is severe, which have been attributed to years of extremism and associated extortion – something that is only partly valid. What is closer to the truth is the assumption that political parties too have developed a stake in the stalemate. A demand for statehood for six districts in eastern Nagaland has added a new fault line. The NDPP-BJP alliance won nine of the 20 seats in this region. In an Assembly without an Opposition, the accountability of the government could be elusive. Effectively, politicians have betrayed the trust of the people in Nagaland.

Stopping the boats

Western democracies are belittling the contribution of immigrants

The UN refugee agency, the UNHCR, has come down strongly on the U.K. Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak's plan to pass a new "Illegal Migration Law" that effectively stops the granting of asylum to migrants who reach the U.K. illegally. Mr. Sunak, while standing at a dais marked "Stop the Boats", said the government is worried about the numbers of those attempting to travel to the U.K. and applying for asylum while on British soil, at considerable cost to the exchequer. Instead, as Home Secretary Suella Braverman explained while introducing the Bill this week, asylum seekers who try to enter illegally would either be returned to their own countries or a "third country", presumably Rwanda, that has entered into an agreement to provide processing facilities for them. They also face a lifetime ban on citizenship and re-entry to the U.K. According to the UNHCR, the law would contravene international laws, including the 1951 Refugee Convention that Britain is a signatory to. To start with, those who flee their homes and countries often do so without proper paperwork, as they are forced to leave to save their lives. Many of the estimated 45,000 who came to the U.K. on "small boats" last year would have been economic refugees rather than political asylum seekers, and it is problematic that the British government does not make a distinction between the two. The Bill makes exceptions for those arriving directly from the countries they are fleeing, but those would be a small proportion given the short distances "small boats" could travel. The British government, much like the U.S.'s Trump administration that latched on to the equally catchy "Build That Wall" slogan, is long on political rhetoric, but short on the actual mechanics of making such a plan work, if it fails to be a deterrent to small boats bringing in migrants. In addition, the plan to transport asylum seekers to a third country, apart from sounding neo-colonial, will also come at considerable cost, one that the hapless migrants are unlikely to be able to afford.

The British move is meant to stop the small boats, but must be seen in the larger political context of anti-immigrant and xenophobic beliefs gaining salience in other democracies. While western countries have long quoted international law and convention to India on its plan to forcibly deport Rohingya refugees to Myanmar, or to discriminate on the basis of religion in the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, they must also introspect on their message to the world by enacting such laws themselves. By rejecting asylum seekers and illegal immigrants, nearly all of whom are coming to their shores by braving unsafe routes in search of a better life, they also belittle the real contributions immigrants have made to their societies, including those like the parents of Mr. Sunak and Ms. Braverman, who made their journey from Africa during more welcoming times.

Media raids and breaking the silence on press freedom

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On February 14, 2023, the Income Tax Department carried out a "survey action" on the offices of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in New Delhi and Mumbai. After continuing this survey for three days, a press release was issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) citing an alleged evasion of taxes on remittances and discrepancies in BBC's transfer pricing mechanism. Many media organisations such as the Press Club of India have described the raids as "deeply unfortunate"; the Editors Guild termed them as "intimidation". Even those who may favour the tax survey will confess that the tax scrutiny is a natural outcome of the BBC's two-part documentary series, "India: The Modi Question", which the BBC released on January 17, 2023. In an emergency secret order issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the documentary's web links were blocked on January 20, 2023. The timing and nature of the events points to something being rotten in the state of Denmark.

Chilling message

At the root of these "survey actions" is an attempt to instil fear and self-censorship that begins with knocking on the doors of the offices of journalists. Today, these actions have become sinister as they now involve the seizure of devices. Hence, an unpleasant surprise turns into severe shock when journalists, as in the case of the BBC, are treated as potential criminals.

The CBDT press release gives us clues when it states that "crucial evidences by way of statement of employees, digital evidences and documents" were gathered. There are more pointers such as the one provided by the BBC which said that on February 19, 2023, "journalists' computers were searched, their phones were intercepted and information was sought from them about their working methods". Even if the case of the CBDT is perceived as legitimate, it would at its very best be limited to an accounting and financial investigation. Without any clear and compelling reasons to extend a digital dragnet on working journalists, this is what can be defined as a fishing expedition. It becomes important here to consider the wider trend of the extraction of sensitive data from journalists by using the tax and police departments across India.

Since 2018, there have been at least 10 reported instances of device searches that impact press freedom. Beginning with the Quint, they have gone on to include the proprietors and senior editors of publications such Alt News, Bharat Samachar, *Dainik Bhaskar*, NewsClick, The Wire, the Independent and Public-Spirited Media Foundation (IPMSF) and journalists such as Fahad Shah, Rupesh Kumar Singh and Siddique Kappan. This anecdotal list presents an incomplete data set as the Union government has stoutly defended its inability to keep count.

> In upholding press freedom, the higher judiciary needs to revive the doctrine of 'effect and consequence' and act without fear or favour while considering the canvas of heavy-handed executive actions

Half truth in the executive response

In a parliamentary response dated August 10, 2022, the Ministry of Home Affairs has stated that since "police" and, "law and order", are topics within the competence of State governments, it cannot "centrally maintain" device seizures of journalists. This is a half truth for two reasons. The first is that the Crime in India report queries data from State governments and can easily be extended to include data on device seizures of journalists. Second, many of the searches and seizures have been performed by central agencies such as the Income-Tax Department and such a record can be maintained and published by the Ministry of Finance. Such institutional evasion only increases suspicion about the *bona fides* of prosecutions and also represents a lack of intent for any studied consideration by the executive, particularly the Union government. It also unearths a myopic, yet widely held, belief that protection of freedom of speech, especially its most critical voices, is a democratic duty limited to the courts.

Here, the popular view of trial courts as a bulwark against threats to our constitutional rights is rhetorical to legal academics and trial court practitioners who honestly assess their role. Their underlying institutional cultures are what lawyer Abhinav Sekhri terms as "rooted in the avowed colonial mentality of maximising state interests while depriving any semblance of protection to the accused persons".

This analysis has been dealt with in a paper that specifically looks at powers to unlock smartphones, drawing from the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 – the procedural law to govern criminal cases in India. It indicates that specific legal provisions provide for unfettered discretion to police officers apart from a carceral spirit that resides within our criminal justice system, deeply ingrained and practised for decades. This results in outcomes where criminal courts rarely check the police for their investigatory practices and evidence collection.

It is here that one may find an answer to the questionable legality of the CBDT's "survey action", as pointed out by tax experts such as Deepak Joshi. Without any fear of sanction, or checks on their powers, investigating officers in a "survey action" will freely conduct a more invasive, "search and seizure". Oblivious to the limitations and spirit of the text in the Income Tax Act, 1961, abuses will only increase given the perceptible political interests and the impossibility for any real sanction.

A way out

In the absence of such checks and balances and also the unlikely event of systemic reforms, what is the role that constitutional courts play? Here, there is adequate room for the application and development of doctrines for press freedom. The first cluster requires the application of the fundamental right to privacy drawn from the Supreme Court's judgment in *K.S. Puttaswamy vs Union of India* (2017). More than five years since the judgment was first pronounced, its application to the criminal justice system here is awaited in cases of electronic evidence. Resurrecting the D.K. Basu guidelines as relevant for a digital India may also be a way out. Stricter procedural safeguards are required today due to digitisation, as the Supreme Court of the United States noted in *Riley vs State of California*. It said: "Cell phones differ in both a quantitative and a qualitative sense from other objects that might be kept on an arrestee's person."

Such guidelines will only provide partial relief. It will require case specific and clear pronouncements on facts that consider how legal processes are abused in the device seizures of journalists. This recent trend is an adaptation of an old template where a muscular executive sidesteps a direct response to a critical article and in bad faith directs legal scrutiny on the publication itself. Such mischievous government actions have been considered by the Supreme Court in several press freedom cases, leading to the partial expansion of the "direct and inevitable" to the "effect and consequence" test.

However, as jurist Rajeev Dhawan observed in 1986, "the partial attention paid to the operational and institutional needs of the press... seems to have died out". There has indeed been a long and tragic silence on press freedom over decades.

The Supreme Court needs to revive and apply the doctrine of "effect and consequence" to consider a broader canvas of executive actions that will shape the practices of our criminal courts. For instance, in the BBC case, a relevant fact for a court to determine is not limited to allegations of tax evasion but whether the scrutiny is prompted by a documentary that is critical of the Prime Minister. Today, for a free and fair press, not only journalists but even our courts need to act without fear or favour.

The ideal track to run India's logistics system

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The Union Budget 2023 has doubled the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to States from ₹5,000 crore to ₹10,000 crore, and has announced an outlay of ₹2.4 lakh crore for the Indian Railways. The plan is a "transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development dependent on the engines of roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics infrastructure". The Railways offer an efficient and economic mode of logistics movement given their pan-India network, and can play an important role in enabling a coordinated and integrated logistics system.

With a target of increasing the share of the railways in freight movement from 27% to 45% and increasing freight movement from 1.2 billion tonnes to 3.3 billion tonnes, by 2030, PM Gati Shakti provides the right platform to address the infrastructural challenges that have hampered the movement of freight by rail.

Convenience over cost

Currently, the modal mix in terms of freight movement is skewed by a considerable extent towards road transport, with 65% of freight movement by road. The effect is an increased burden on roads, and, therefore, significant congestion, increased pollution, and resultant logistics cost escalations. The increased adoption of the railways as a mode for cargo movement is crucial to improve India's logistics competitiveness. A look at the comparable costs of different forms of transportation suggests that freight movement cost is the highest in the road sector – nearly twice the rail cost. However, the convenience of road transport has taken precedence over cost, and the railways in India have been losing freight share to other more flexible modes.

In 2020-21, coal constituted 44% of the total freight movement of 1.2 billion tonnes, followed by iron ore (13%), cement (10%), food grains (5%), fertilizers (4%), iron and steel (4%), etc. Transportation of non-bulk commodities accounts for a very small share in the rail freight movement.

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Rise in container traffic

The convenience of moving non-bulk commodities in containers has led to an increase in containerised traffic over the last decade, growing from 7.6 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEU)s in 2008 to 16.2 million TEUs in 2020. TEU is a unit of cargo capacity. Globally, railway systems are heavily investing in advanced rail infrastructure for quick and low-cost container movement. For example, China uses special trains to carry containers that connect significant ports to the inland, and has dedicated rail lines to move container traffic and planned double-decker container carriages for greater efficiency. While the Indian Railways are upgrading their infrastructure (PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan), a continuous monitoring of existing projects along with identification of new priority areas will help in achieving the targets of rail freight movement. At present, these are significantly lower than other countries such as the United States and China.

The national transporter faces several infrastructural, operational and connectivity challenges, in turn leading to a shift of freight traffic to roads. The increased transit time by rail and pre-movement and post-movement procedural delays such as wagon placement, loading and unloading operations, multi-modal handling, etc., hamper freight movement by rail. The lack of necessary terminal infrastructure, maintenance of good sheds and warehouses, and uncertain supply of wagons are some of the infrastructural challenges that customers face. This results in high network congestion, lower service levels, and increased transit time. The absence of integrated first and last-mile connectivity by rail increases the chances of damage due to multiple handling and also increases the inventory holding cost.

A special entity needed

The upcoming Dedicated Freight Corridors along India's eastern and western corridors and multimodal logistics parks will ease the oversaturated line capacity constraints and improve the timing of trains. The Indian Railways need to improve infrastructure that is backed by adequate policy tools and also encourage private participation in the operation and management of terminals, containers, and warehouses to efficiently utilise resources.

Establishing a special entity under the railways to handle intermodal logistics in partnership with the private sector will help in addressing the first and last-mile issue faced by the railways. The entity could function as a single window for customers for cargo movement and payment transactions.

There are two cargo wagons in each passenger train. Based on industry recommendations, introduction of an Uber-like model for one of the two cargo wagons, wherein the customer can book the wagon using an online application, could help in increasing the utilisation rate of these wagons. The Indian Railways may keep operating the other wagon, the way it is done currently, until the success of the proposed model is established. This could directly increase freight traffic without any additional investment in infrastructure.

An integrated logistics infrastructure with first and last-mile connectivity is essential to make rail movement competitive with roads, and facilitate exports by rail to neighbouring countries such as Nepal and Bangladesh.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To arrest or not to arrest

The discretion of law-enforcement agencies in arresting a high-profile official or politician is fraught with divergent opinions (Editorial page, March 9). But one should not forget that without some substantial suspicion, an arrest will not be made since failure to prove the guilt of the person concerned will show the agency in a bad light. Successive arrests after interrogation are the first sign of the definiteness of commission of an offence or irregularity. In addition to the materials available, the agency has made definite inroads in the Sisodia case, which may lead to more arrests. It is unfair to attribute malice or vindictiveness or to protest that arrests are politically-motivated. Courts will come to the rescue of the accused if no ground is made out. One should not forget that not arresting a person who had committed a crime does amount to abetment.

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Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Why cannot the law-enforcing agencies keep the accused under house arrest after cutting off all communication facilities to his home? The purpose of interrogation can be very well served under house arrest. Producing the arrested person before a Magistrate has become a mere formality. Since it is becoming quite obvious that the arrests of political opponents have an element of vendetta, why not amend the rule to the effect that the police produce the arrested before a judge of a High Court and not a Magistrate?

V. Sasthamani,
Coimbatore

Travails of elephants

The report on the sad deaths, in Tamil Nadu, of three adult elephants which were electrocuted, and the orphaned calves which the Forest Department is trying to rehabilitate is deeply touching. What is conveniently forgotten is how mankind, avaricious, has usurped their habitats. We have heard of goons converting acres of forest lands into concrete jungles. We also read about temple elephants being chained and tortured. The recent judgment of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court that said there should be no more acquisition of elephants by individuals and temples, and for all elephants in captivity be sent to government rehabilitation centres, is a solution that must be taken seriously and implemented.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
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Can the cheetahs help India's grasslands?

Rajesh Gopal,

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Ravi Chellam

is former member of an expert committee to guide the translocation of the Asiatic Lion, and CEO, Metastring Foundation

PARLEY

Since September 2022, India has translocated eight African cheetahs from Namibia and 12 from South Africa. This is part of a long-term conservation plan to re-introduce the wild cat into the country after it became extinct in the 1950s, primarily due to hunting. The aim is to be able to build a self-sustaining population, centred at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park, which will also contribute to the global survival of the cheetah as a species. Can the cheetahs thrive in India and help India's grasslands? In a conversation moderated by **Jacob Koshy**, Rajesh Gopal and Ravi Chellam discuss the question. Edited excerpts:

The government is saying that the first batch of cheetahs from Namibia is gradually acclimatising to Indian conditions though none of the animals have been released into the wild. How long will it be before a clear picture emerges of the success of the translocation exercise?

Rajesh Gopal: From my personal experience with tigers in Sariska, it took two and a half to three years. I've not been involved with the cheetah [project], but I imagine it is going to be a little bit difficult as they are in a completely different terrain from what they are used to. Cheetahs are coursers (they run to hunt) and not stalkers like the tiger or leopard, which means they need large tracts of terrain.

Ravi Chellam: In ecology, nothing is linear. But let's look at the metrics that we want to use. The first, of course, is survival; animals have to survive. But a better indication of success is when they not only survive, but start reproducing and there is a self-sustaining population. Reports indicate that roughly 20 cheetahs are going to be introduced annually for the next 8-10 years and the official Cheetah Action Plan states that in 15 years the project will be considered a success if Kuno reaches an established population of 21 adults. Thus, in 7-8 years, we will introduce about 160 cheetahs.

The Action Plan also says that if the larger habitat of 3,000-5,000 sq km, which is larger than the 748 sq km where they are based, is reasonably protected, the numbers can go up to a maximum of 40. So, this is a real long-term investment, and quite a lot of animals are going to come here regularly from Africa. And the results are [predicted to be] between 21 in 15 years to 36 in 30-40 years. That's the predicted best-case scenario in the Action Plan.

A cheetah brought from South Africa was released in February in an enclosure at Palpur, Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh. PTI

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has said that the cheetah re-introduction programme has a larger goal of improving India's grasslands. Is this an optimal way to conserve India's grasslands?

RG: Maybe yes, because India doesn't have vast savannah grasslands like Africa from where the animals are coming. We have six or seven of them. Cheetahs have been found in woodlands, but they largely prefer running. So, they do indicate the overall wellness of open areas, meadows and grasslands. If they [grasslands] are okay, that would indicate that ungulate populations (such as deer and chinkara) and the cheetahs' usual prey also go there. So, the health of the cheetah population does count as a surrogate marker of the health of the grasslands.

RC: I respectfully disagree. My position on this is a resounding no. If we're really serious about restoring these open natural ecosystems, including grasslands, we should begin by asking, what are the problems? What led to the degradation and decline of such habitat and what do we need to do to curtail these threats? It is well known that the Great Indian Bustard, the Indian wolf, and the blackbuck, which are all native species and Schedule 1 species (protected species), face declining populations and a diminishing distribution range. As we discussed, it will take 30-40 years for the cheetah to reach a population of 20-40 animals. So, how are they going to save Indian grasslands? The Wasteland Atlas of India still categorises large stretches of open natural ecosystems as wasteland and it doesn't require a cheetah to come from Africa to change that categorisation. Renewable energy projects are granted large tracts of open natural ecosystems, including grasslands, to establish solar panels. The arrival of the cheetahs is not going to change that.

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> RAVI CHELLAM

Have there been instances in ecological or wildlife history where the introduction of a species has actually contributed to the development of a larger ecosystem?

RG: The tiger is a case in point. We started with nine reserves and now we have 53 reserves making up 2.3% of the country's geographical area. These areas used to be destinations for game hunting and dogs. While they had good diversity of flora and fauna, their surroundings were poorly managed. It took a lot of work by scientists to establish source and sink dynamics. The concept of how exclusively investing in an umbrella will bring in a compelling, inclusive engagement with people and areas beyond emerged from the Project Tiger experience.

RC: Globally, the one that comes to mind is the reintroduction of wolves and the Yellowstone (U.S.) ecosystem, and also beavers. There are several such examples which are based on solid science. Unfortunately, I'm unable to certify that our current data action plan is based on good science because the numbers don't add up. The average home-range size for cheetahs in the best of habitats in East Africa is 750 sq km. Cheetahs are the weakest of the large cats. They exist in low densities of less than one per 100 sq km. Let's be generous and say 750 sq km can host 8-10 cheetahs, but that doesn't make a viable population. Even the best-case estimate is 21 cheetahs, which is not a viable population. The government talks of 'meta-population management,' but given India's approach to conservation, the challenges that we face, the level of human presence that we have to engage with and deal with, I think we are shooting far beyond what is feasible.

One of the government's aims is to introduce ecotourism initiatives as part of its long-term plans. While creating alternate livelihoods for local populations in Kuno is a laudable proposition, can ecotourism and conservation go hand in hand?

RG: I have some reservations about tourism. I'm not a great fan of it because experience shows that people overdo it. Any tourism plan must be community-driven. One should be very specific and careful about the kind of infrastructure which will crop up all around. Nothing compares to seeing an animal in the wild, but this should be allowed very gradually. Now, we need to wait.

RC: You have to make it happen. You can't function in a vacuum. But as Dr. Gopal said, there are challenges. We see these at Tiger Reserves, especially the more popular ones. And it's not just restricted to tourists getting into the wildlife area; it is the facilities and the infrastructure that we develop, who we bring, what employment is given to whom, why local communities are thrown out and a whole host of social and other issues that we need to deal with. But getting back to the cheetahs... there were announcements that cheetah safaris would start in February. We are already in March. Now is not the time to be talking about tourism in the context of cheetahs. If the cheetah project is really about conservation, let's get our conservation act together first.

The Kuno park was originally prepared for lions from Gir in Gujarat and they haven't reached there. Do you think that the focus on the cheetahs has compromised the future of our burgeoning lion population? Or do you think it's plausible, as the government says, that all three cats can coexist in relative harmony over time?

RC: See, there is the ecological principle. And there is a more important fundamental issue we need to look at, which is the rule of law. On April 12, 2013, the Supreme Court had said the lions should be translocated from Gir to Kuno within six months. Ten years later, the lions still haven't been moved. Lions and cheetahs co-existed earlier in India when a few thousand sq km were available. We had an overlapping distribution of lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs. It depends on the local habitat: the more open, flatter habitats would have had lions and cheetahs, while the denser habitats would have had leopards and tigers. In Africa, even today, lions, leopards and cheetahs coexist. So, ecologically, there is no issue. But from a conservation perspective, all our eggs are in one basket with the Gir lions.

RG: Kuno is not the only viable destination for lions; there are other places where this can be thought of. You need geographical isolation, separation to ensure reproductive isolation, because the phenotype reflects in the genotype.

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NOTEBOOK

The uncertainty of jumbo assignments

Reporting on the capture of wild elephants is an unpredictable assignment as these operations can go on for more than a week

Wilson Thomas

Sometimes, even after spending an entire day on the field, journalists may have to return to the newsroom without a report. Reporting on the capture of wild elephants is one such unpredictable assignment as these operations can go on even for over a week.

It is now common to capture wild elephants which frequently damage crops and cause human casualties in villages bordering forests in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, home to the largest population of Asiatic elephants. Villages close to the Western Ghats in Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu witness the frequent movement of pachyderms. An order for the capture of a wild elephant is usually made after repeated incidents of crop damages and human casualties. In a few cases, wild elephants are tranquilised and captured for treatment.

In June 2021, I went on one of my longest assignments of uncertainty. An operation had been launched by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department to capture and radio-collar a wild elephant nicknamed Baahubali, known for its physique and its swashbuckling entry, or "mass entry" as it is called in Tamil films, into villages. With fellow journalists, I travelled from Coimbatore to Mettupalayam at the Nilgiri foothills for nearly a week, but returned only with brief reports on the elusive animal. When the operation started, the Department brought its most trusted *kumki* Kaleem and two others. As days passed, and there was no sight of Baahubali, an official told us that the jumbo had possibly stayed away after sensing the smell of the *kumkis* who were staying at a timber depot. The operation was finally withdrawn as Baahubali mostly remained unseen. To the wonder of officials and journalists, the tusker once again began making its "mass entry" into the villages after the operation was called off.

Earlier, in February 2019, I went to report on the operation launched to capture a crop-raider named Chinnathambi from a village near Tiruppur district. The tusker had been captured from Thadagam valley in Coimbatore district in January and translocated to the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, around 100 km away. But it began to stray into the villages of neighbouring Tiruppur again. The elephant embarked on a journey that lasted for about two weeks through villages, intermittently camping at places to devour its favourite snacks - sugarcane and banana. I covered the last three days of the operation from the field. I camped at a coconut grove along with fellow journalists, where we often got tender coconuts from the kind farm owner. As movement of the elephant was unpredictable, we were advised to stay at a distance in the grove, which was separated by a canal from the sugarcane field where the elephant hid. Chinnathambi was finally captured in a seven-hour-long operation and sent to a *kraal* (wooden enclosure) in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve. Now, as a *kumki*, Chinnathambi has completed two successful elephant-capturing operations.

Reaching areas where elephant capturing operations take place is often a tough task due to lack of proper roads. In December 2018, after a few days of tracking, the Forest Department located their target, a tusker fondly called Vinayagan, on the forest fringes of Thadagam Valley. Vinayagan was considered Chinnathambi's groomer. Logistical support, including earth movers and *kumkis,* were on standby for the operation. A forest veterinarian shot a dart with the first dose of tranquiliser at around 6 a.m. at the elephant, an hour before I could reach the spot on my motorcycle. In my hurry, I left my expensive helmet on my bike and trekked to the spot. The operation lasted for about nine hours. The elephant was finally loaded onto a truck and taken to Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. Planning a few reports in my mind, I quickly walked to my two-wheeler. But as I had expected, someone had stolen my helmet.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Smoke from smouldering mounds of waste engulfs Kochi

Even a week after mounds of plastic waste caught fire at the Brahmapuram waste treatment plant in Kochi, firefighters are still trying to stop the smoke. Fire outbreaks at Brahmapuram have become an annual affair. This time, with the fire refusing to die down, the Kerala Pollution Control Board has decided to impose a fine of ₹1.8 crore on the Kochi Municipal Corporation for failing to take adequate measures to prevent a fire outbreak. At a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan this week, the government decided, among other things, that plastic will no longer be allowed at the plant. Thulasi Kakkat

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FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 10, 1973

Bhutto's bid to arrange summit with Nixon misfires

Washington, March 8: President Bhutto's two special emissaries who met President Nixon yesterday in an apparent effort to arrange a Bhutto-Nixon summit meeting and to induce the U.S. to resume arms sales to Pakistan are returning to Pakistan after cutting short their visit. The Governor of West Punjab, Mr. Ghulam Mustapha Khar, left yesterday itself and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Aziz Ahmed, was expected to follow him home to-day. Because a White House spokesman told newsmen yesterday, after the two emissaries had met Mr. Nixon, that there was no change in the U.S.'s arms supply policy and that there were no plans at present for a Nixon-Bhutto meeting, it is surmised that the Pak mission was not successful.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 10, 1923

In Parliament

Leafield, (Oxford) midnight, March 9: The House of Commons today pressed by three hundred and thirty eight votes against fifty six the second reading of the Bill which prohibits public houses from selling intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises to persons under eighteen years of age.

From Page One

Centre to reconsider 'safe harbour' clause

Since the appellate committee portal's launch on March 1, 17 appeals have already been filed, according to the website's dashboard.

A slew of such digital legislation is now likely to be subsumed into the Digital India Act, the Minister indicated. He highlighted other aspects that the Digital India Act would cover, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), deepfakes, cybercrime, competition issues among Internet platforms, and data protection. The government put out a draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill last year, and Mr. Chandrasekhar said that it would be one of the four prongs of the Digital India Act, with the National Data Governance Policy and amendments to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) being others, along with rules formulated under the Digital India Act.

Mr. Chandrasekhar said the new law would seek to address "new complex forms of user harms" that have emerged in the years since the IT Act's enactment, such as catfishing, doxxing, trolling, and phishing.

A new "adjudicatory mechanism" for criminal and civil offences committed online would come into place, Mr. Chandrasekhar said. An amendment to the Companies Act, 2002 may also be required, he said in his presentation.

The government will hold multiple rounds of consultations with the public and industry stakeholders to arrive first at the principles for this Act, and subsequently to iron out a draft that will be put out by the Ministry, Mr. Chandrasekhar said, pointing out that "the Internet and the tech ecosystem in general has evolved significantly since 2000, when the IT Act first came into being."

He declined to provide a timeline for when the draft would be introduced in Parliament. "We want to make sure that [the Bill] is extensively discussed, that anybody who has any misgivings" or with inputs would be consulted, he said.

BJP unleashing ED, CBI on rivals: BRS leader

Its response was also directed at the political leaders from nine States who have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that enforcement agencies were being used for political purposes, in order to intimidate the Opposition.

Ms. Kavitha will appear for questioning at the ED headquarters in the capital at 11 a.m. on Saturday, after the agency acceded to her request to delay her appearance by a day. Though the ED had served a notice on Ms. Kavitha on Wednesday to appear for questioning the next day, she said she was scheduled to lead a Bharat Jagruthi hunger strike at Jantar Mantar on Friday to demand enactment of the Women's Reservation Bill.

In Hyderabad, her father and Telangana CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao presided over a Cabinet meeting where the road map in case of Ms. Kavitha's arrest was discussed, according to sources.

The BJP has maintained that Ms. Kavitha should cooperate with the law enforcement agencies. Tarun Chugh, the BJP's national general secretary in charge of Telangana, said: "Those who looted Telangana, who were instrumental in spreading a liquor mafia across south India and this scam in Delhi – today, when the investigative agency calls you, you can't spare the time? Law is taking its own course and you should not be obstructionist. If people who occupy constitutional position obstruct the law, people will lose faith."

India top-tier security partner, says Australian Prime Minister Albanese

Aboard *INS Vikrant* in Mumbai, he says bilateral ties are of increasing strategic importance while navigating the challenges of the region together; earlier in Ahmedabad, he watched the fourth Test between the two nations with Narendra Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Australia will host Exercise Malabar for the first time, and India will, also for the first time, participate in Australia's Talisman Sabre exercise, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced on Wednesday.

India is a top-tier security partner for Australia, he said during a visit onboard India's indigenous aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* in Mumbai. "My visit [to India] reflects my government's commitment to place India at the heart of Australia's approach to the Indo-Pacific and beyond," he said addressing the Navy personnel onboard. It is a partnership that is of increasing strategic importance as we navigate the challenges of our region together, he said.

Noting that the Indian Ocean is central to the security and prosperity of both countries, Mr. Albanese said there had never been a point in both the country's histories where "we have had such a strong strategic alignment".

Buoyant ties: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese aboard INS Vikrant off the Mumbai coast on Wednesday. PTI

"We both depend on free and open access to sea lanes in the Indo-Pacific for our trade and economic well being. And we share an unwavering commitment to upholding the rules-based international order and ensuring the Indo-Pacific is open, inclusive and prosperous," he said. Recalling the surge in military-to-military engagements between the nations, he said, "Last year, we conducted more exercises, operations and dialogues than ever before." In a major step forward in our relationship, India and Australia undertook maritime patrol aircraft deployments to each other's territories for the first time, he noted and added that in November alone, the two countries conducted increasingly complex and sophisticated exercises in Indo-Pacific Endeavour and Exercise Austrahind. More important than these statistics is the sheer complexity and high-end nature of our military engagements, which is unprecedented, he said. "I predict that 2023 will be busier than ever for our defence cooperation."

Officer exchange

Mr. Albanese referred to the inaugural Australia-India General Rawat Defence Officer Exchange Programme that is taking place in India.

"This pioneering exchange programme, created by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will ensure our defence personnel develop the familiarity and trust that underpins a close and long-lasting relationship."

As part of his four-day visit, Mr. Albanese landed in Ahmedabad on Tuesday and celebrated Holi. On Wednesday, he and Mr. Modi watched a cricket match, the fourth and final Test of the series between India and Australia.

As part of the programme, a 15-member tri-service Australian military contingent, including four woman officers, arrived in India on March 1. On Thursday, the team visited the Army's Agra-based Shatrujeet Brigade along with 15 selected Indian officers who are hosting them. The Indian and the Australian officers were taken through a series of demonstrations related to fighting in built-up areas by paratroopers of the elite formation during the visit, an Army source said.

ED arrests Sisodia in Delhi excise policy case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday arrested former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on a money laundering charge, after questioning him for several hours inside the Tihar Jail in the Delhi excise policy case.

The CBI arrested Mr. Sisodia on February 26. The case alleges irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped excise policy. Subsequently, a special court sent him to judicial custody in Tihar Jail.

The ED secured a court order and, on Tuesday, started recording Mr. Sisodia's statement. Based on the findings, it formally put him under arrest and will produce him before the designated court on Friday.

On Monday, the ED arrested Hyderabad-based liquor businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai, alleging that he along with co-accused Abhishek Boinpally and Butchibabu Gorantla represented the interests of a "South Group" that was extended various favours under the impugned policy. He was allegedly linked to BRS MLC K. Kavitha.

Bengal BJP MLAs protest in House over surge in fever

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The BJP MLAs staged a protest in the West Bengal Assembly on Thursday, demanding a statement from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the viral outbreak in the State, that had claimed the lives of several children in the past few weeks.

The BJP moved an adjournment motion but it was not allowed by the Speaker Biman Banerjee. This prompted protests by BJP legislators who raised slogans, held posters and walked out of the House.

Abusing someone with caste name during argument won't lead to SC/ST Act case: HC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Abusing someone with the name of their caste or uttering the caste name suddenly during an exchange, by itself, will not be sufficient to establish an offence under the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) Prevention of Atrocities (PoA) Act, unless there is intent to humiliate the victims specifically for their caste or tribal identity, the Orissa High Court (HC) held in a recent judgment.

The March 1 order was passed by a single-judge Bench of Justice R.K. Pattanaik, which essentially quashed charges framed under the SC/ST Act, as prayed by the accused among other things, while also holding that other charges framed against the two accused needed to be tested at trial.

> If someone is abused with the name of his caste suddenly, it would not be sufficient to hold offence under the SC and ST Act
>
> **JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK**

The case pertained to a 2017 incident, where the accused had got involved in an altercation with some other people.

The prosecution's case noted that the complainant was returning home, when he was abused, assaulted and terrorised by the accused persons.

Eventually, passers-by intervened, at which point the accused used the caste slur against one of them. The High Court noted that the alleged victim was himself not the complainant in the case. Under these circumstances, the High Court ruled, "If someone is abused with the name of his caste or the caste is uttered suddenly in course of events and during the incident, in the humble view of the court, by itself would not be sufficient to hold that any offence under the SC and ST (PoA) Act is made out unless the intention is to insult or humiliate the victim for the reason that he belongs to Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) is *prima facie* established."

The court thus noted that it would be too much of a stretch and "unjustified" to assume that the accused persons had used the slur with the intention to humiliate the victim in question because of his SC identity. Justice Pattanaik, ruling thus, also cited the precedent set by the Supreme Court of India in the *Hitesh Verma vs State of Uttarakhand and another*, where it was held that intent to humiliate someone because of their caste was a prerequisite for bringing charges under the relevant sections of the SC/ST Act.

IBSA can play vital role in reforming digital governance, says DiploFoundation report

Devesh K. Pandey
GENEVA

India, Brazil, and South Africa, which have together formed the tripartite IBSA Forum, may play a prominent role in the process of reforming digital governance, at a time when digital geopolitical tensions are showing no signs of easing, according to the Geneva-based DiploFoundation.

"The first tangible results from IBSA's digital momentum could be expected during India's G-20 presidency, which, among others, will promote 'a new gold standard for data'," says its report, adding that the IBSA countries are strong supporters of multilateral and multi-stakeholder approaches.

Observing that digitisation is driving growth in the IBSA economies, the foundation says that India is the leader among them, with a "vibrant digital economy". "But digitalisation also tends to exacerbate major societal tensions that these countries face, including the digital divide, and the need to have digital governance that will reflect local cultural, political, and economic specificities," says the report.

Digital inclusion

"The three countries have spearheaded digital inclusion by prioritising affordable access to citizens, by supporting training for digital skills, and by a legal framework for the growth of small digital enterprises. For example, India's Aadhaar biometric ID system is seen by many as a leading digital identity initiative, inspiring similar systems in other countries," the report adds.

On the issue of data and sustainable development, the foundation says that India's G-20 presidency aims for strategic leadership with practical initiatives such as a self-evaluation of nations' data governance architecture; modernisation of national data systems to regularly incorporate citizen voices and preferences; and transparency principles for governing data.

"With a big population, IBSA countries also see data as a national resource. The Indian G-20 presidency's calls for 'a new gold standard for data' can help reconcile the competing issues around free flow of data and data sovereignty," the report says.

Geopolitical tensions

Going by the report, digital geopolitics this year will be centred on the issues pertaining to the protection of submarine cables and satellites, production of semiconductors, and the free flow of data. Jovan Kurbalija, executive director of DiploFoundation, recently interacted with an Indian delegation on such issues during a visit organised by the Swiss Embassy in India in collaboration with Presence Switzerland. The report says that from submarine cables to satellites, digital geopolitical tensions remain stressed in 2023, especially between the U.S. and China.

MoU on semiconductors will help India play bigger role in electronics supply chain: U.S.

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Air India's decision to purchase 220 Boeing aircraft will create a "tremendous number of jobs" in the United States, said U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina M. Raimondo on Thursday. In remarks to the media here, a day before restarting the India-U.S. Commercial Dialogue, the visiting official said, the two countries would sign an MoU on semiconductors that would support India's aspiration to play a leading role in the "electronics supply chain".

Ms. Raimondo is accompanied by 10 American CEOs, who will be joined by Indian business leaders on Friday, to help draft industry-specific recommendations to help both sides.

"Just a few weeks ago, Boeing and Air India announced an order for 220 aircraft which is a historic deal that reflects the strength of our economic relationship and will support a tremendous number of jobs in the United States," said Ms. Raimondo, who met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday. She said the two sides agreed to launch the India-U.S. Strategic Trade Dialogue.

Strong ties: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. ANI

Mr. Jaishankar said his conversation with Ms. Raimondo included "resilient and reliable supply chains and trust and transparency in the digital domain".

She will join Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to hold the India-U.S. Commercial Dialogue on Friday which will be accompanied by the U.S.-India CEOs Forum. Ms. Raimondo highlighted the importance of semiconductors in trade talks confirming that the issue figured in talks "all day today". "Both U.S. and India are implementing semiconductor incentive programmes and we discussed how we could coordinate those investments which is in both of our interests and ensure the best possible outcomes for both of our countries. We would like to see India achieve its aspirations to play a larger role in the electronics supply chain," she said.

Punjab tillers to get ownership rights; over 11,200 to benefit

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

More than 11,200 tillers in Punjab, who have been occupying over 4,000 acres of land for generations but had no title rights, will get the ownership after paying due compensation as President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to a legislation in this effect, officials said on Thursday.

The *Punjab Bhondedar, Butemar, Dohlidar, Insar Miadi, Mukarraridar, Mundhimar, Panahi Qadeem, Saunjidar, or Taraddadkar* (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill, 2020, was passed by the Assembly in 2020 when the Congress government led by Amarinder Singh was in power.

It is expected that the legislation will empower tillers of such land, who belong mostly to the economically and socially weaker sections of society, the official said.

These tenants have been in occupation of small parcels of land for many years and inherit their rights by succession from generation to generation. However, since they were not registered owners, they neither have access to financial institutions for loans nor get relief for any natural disaster.

APPEAL

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'Centre wants to hand over foodgrain logistics to Adani Group'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As part of the ongoing *Hum Adani ke Hain Kaun* series, the Congress on Thursday claimed that the Modi government wants to "hand over" the foodgrain logistics of the country to the Adani Group.

"The publication 'Adani-Watch' has reported that on October 13, 2022, the Supreme Court of India quashed a June 30, 2021 Gujarat High Court judgment that favoured Adani Ports and SEZ over the government-owned Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), and said that the High Court judgment 'is not sustainable in law'," Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said.

"The Supreme Court observed that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had supported the CWC's stand while the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had aided Adani's bid to take control of two major CWC warehouses near Mundra port by not supporting the denotification of the warehouses as part of Adani SEZ," he claimed.

Tripura CM rejects Motha's demand for Greater Tipraland

Comment comes day after Amit Shah's assurance to appoint interlocutor; TIPRA Motha chief insists that he will continue to fight for separate State

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Thursday rejected the TIPRA Motha's demand for a 'Greater Tipraland', but said that his new BJP-led government would go the extra mile for the development of indigenous communities.

His assertion came less than a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured the TIPRA Motha that an interlocutor would be appointed soon to arrive at a constitutional solution to all the problems of the State's 14 lakh Tiprasa, or indigenous people across 19 tribes. Greater Tipraland, an exclusive administrative set-up for indigenous people, is part of the constitutional solution that Motha chief Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma has been seeking.

"We are against the demand for a Greater Tipraland State but we are committed to undertaking ambitious schemes and projects on priority for the socio-economic development of the tribal people," Mr. Saha told presspersons in Agartala.

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>
> **MANIK SAHA**
> Tripura Chief Minister

Motha stands ground

Prior to the February 16 election, in which the BJP bagged 32 seats in the 60-member Assembly, Mr. Saha had maintained that the idea of Greater Tipraland was not feasible.

Soon after Mr. Saha's reiteration of his stance on Thursday, Mr. Debbarma replied to a tweet by a Motha supporter: "Let him (Chief Minister) say what he wants to; that's his view. Relax, I will always fight for our interest first."

Since sweeping the elections to the politically important Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council in April 2021, the Motha has been demanding the elevation of tribal areas to a Greater Tipraland.

This demand took centre-stage when Mr. Shah, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and BJP chief J.P. Nadda met Mr. Debbarma on Wednesday. Mr. Debbarma said that the Centre had assured him that it would appoint an interlocutor to study and resolve the demands of the Motha within a specific timeframe.

MP's comment on Parliament on foreign soil cannot be ignored: V-P

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Denigrating comments made by "a Member of Parliament" about the Indian Parliament on foreign soil cannot be condoned, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Thursday.

Not naming any MP, Mr. Dhankhar said, "While the world is applauding our historic accomplishments as a functional vibrant democracy, some amongst us including parliamentarians are engaged in the thoughtless unfair denigration of our well-nurtured democratic values. How can we justify such wanton orchestration of a factually untenable narrative?"

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar releasing Congress leader Karan Singh's book on the Mundaka Upanishad on Thursday. PTI

He said that if he observed silence on the "misadventure", he would find himself on the wrong side of the Constitution.

The Vice-President was speaking at the launch of a book on the Mundaka Upanishad written by Congress leader Karan Singh.

Mr. Dhankar asked, "How can I sanctify a statement that mics in the Indian Parliament are put off. How can people say so?" The only time the country came close to this fate was during the period of Emergency but the country's democracy has matured since, he said.

There is full freedom of expression in India and no democracy in the world can rival that, he underlined. "No political strategy or partisan stance can justify compromising our nationalism and democratic values," the Vice-President said. "We cannot allow such a narrative to gain momentum by those elements who wish to pose hurdles to our rising growth," he added.

Rajya Sabha Chairperson must not be cheerleader for ruling dispensation: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Strongly objecting to comments of Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar's about an MP "tarnishing India's image on foreign soil", the Congress on Thursday said certain offices need to be above partisan politics and "cannot be a cheerleader for any ruling dispensation".

Though Mr. Dhankhar did not name anyone while speaking at a book launch, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh, in a statement, said the reference was to former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi.

"There are certain offices which require us to shed our prejudices, our party allegiances and compel us to rid ourselves of whatever propaganda we may have imbibed along the way. The office of the Vice-President of India, an office on which the Constitution bestows the additional responsibility of being the Chair of the Rajya Sabha, is foremost amongst these," Mr. Ramesh said.

Jairam Ramesh

'Disappointing move'

"The Honourable Vice-President's statement on Shri Rahul Gandhi, therefore, was surprising to say the least. He rushed to the defence of a government from which he is constitutionally required to be at arms length and in a manner that was both confusing as well as disappointing," Mr. Ramesh added.

Mr. Ramesh said Mr. Gandhi's statement reflected ground reality and pointed out that over the past two weeks, more than 12 Opposition MPs have been served with breach of privilege notices for protesting against the suppression of their voices in Parliament on an issue "that is inconvenient to the ruling regime".

Further, he said, channels and newspapers have been blacked out, raided, and intimidated to the point that the only voice that is carried is that of the government.

"The Chairman, however, is an umpire, a referee, a friend, philosopher and guide to all. He cannot be a cheerleader for any ruling dispensation. History measures leaders not on the zealousness with which they defended their party, but the dignity with which they performed their roles in the service of the people," Mr. Ramesh said.

'Appointments were made only after consultations'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after *The Hindu* reported on orders appointing secretarial staff of Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to the Standing Committees of the Upper House, Mr. Dhankhar said that the decision was prompted by "multi-layered consultations".

"I got inputs from a number of members and Chairmen of Committees to do something affirmative to improve productivity. So, I sharpened the human resource attached to Committees," he said.

Committees, he said, is an exclusive domain of Members of Parliament and that his appointees will not work as members.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh countered the comment and said that no such consultations were held. "I chair a Standing Committee and I can categorically say I wasn't consulted at all," he said.

Rahul dangerous for India's unity: Rijiju; Congress calls Law Minister a 'disgrace'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Several Congress leaders on Thursday sparred with Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju after he tweeted a short video of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's speech in London, and said the Congress leader was "dangerous for India's unity".

Mr. Rijiju also referred to Mr. Gandhi as "Pappu" – a Hindi term that is often pejoratively used to describe a person with low IQ. Hitting back, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh called the Law Minister an "absolute disgrace".

London speech

The row started when Mr. Rijiju posted a 26-second video clip of Mr. Gandhi's recent speech where the Congress leader said that though there were Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and people belonging to other religions who were all Indian, Prime Minister Narendra Modi treated them as "second class citizens".

"And it's not necessary to react to his foolish statements but the problem is that his anti-India statements are misused by the anti-India forces to tarnish the image of India," he added.

Responding to the Law Minister, Congress leader and Lok Sabha member Manickam Tagore asked him to name a Christian or a Muslim Cabinet Minister in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet.

"*Sabka ka Saath* only remains in slogan, Mr. Rijiju," Mr. Tagore said in a tweet. "Stop these idiotic comments. You are the Law Minister of India. Behave like that..."

CPI(M), Congress delegations to visit violence-hit Tripura

The Hindu Bureau
AGARTALA

The Congress and the CPI (M) have formed three separate teams of MPs to visit post-poll violence-hit places in Tripura on Friday. State Congress spokesperson Prasanta Bhattacharjee said that the teams would meet members of the victims' families.

The Congress and the CPI(M) attacked the ruling BJP for 'orchestrating spate of violence' in the State. The BJP hit out at the Congress, the Left and the regional TIPRA party for attacks on its workers.

"The Congress and the CPI(M) miscreants completely burnt down 19 shops of our supporters at Nehalchandra Nagar in Bishalgarh," BJP's State youth wing chief Nabadal Banik alleged. The Sepahijala district police in a tweet confirmed the attack, and said 'legal action has been initiated'.

Numerous houses, properties, crops and private vehicles were gutted in arson attacks after the Assembly election was held on February 16. The CPI (M), in a statement early this week, condemned the BJP-attributed 'arson attack' as a new pattern of organised violence in Tripura.

The Congress and the CPI(M) alleged that the police failed to contain the violence due to 'pressure from the ruling party leaders'. Chief Minister Manik Saha, who addressed a press meet on Thursday, saw a conspiracy behind the incidents. "I have instructed the police to take tough measures against the perpetrators," he said.

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1	Restoration of damaged roads due to flood in Vishwapriya Layout, Mico Layout, Singasandra, Raghavendra Layout, Patel Layout and surrounding area in Begur Sub Division.	500.00	7,50,000/-
2	Restoration of damaged roads due to flood in Shreyas Colony, Gottigere, Anjanapura, Chunchghatta, PNB Layout and surrounding area in Anjanapura Sub Division.	500.00	7,50,000/-
3	Restoration of damaged roads due to flood in Vittal Nagara, Sathyammana Kunte, Vasanthapura, Subramnyapura, Uttarahalli, Kanakanagara, Gayazabad Nagara, Yelechenahalli and surrounding area in Uttarahalli Sub Division.	500.00	7,50,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **18.03.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(2)** Date of Technical bid opening of tenders is on **20.03.2023** by **4:30 p.m.** **(3)** Financial bid Opening will be done after Technical bid approval. **(4)** Pre bid meeting on **13.03.2023** at office of the Executive Engineer, Bengaluru South Division, Amruthnagara, Konanakunte Main Road, Soudhamini Layout, Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru-62, between **11:00 a.m.** to **12:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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TIDEL Park invites "E-Tender for the proposed construction of IT Office Building Ground+3 Floors+Terrace including Civil Construction, HVAC, Electrical HT/LT, DG Sets, IBMS, Fire Protection, Plumbing, Structural Facade, Landscaping, STP, WTP & External Works at Anaikavundanpatti and Karuppur Villages, Omalur Taluk, Salem District".

For more details and participation in the above E-Tender, please visit the website **https:/www.tntenders.gov.in/**. Last date for online submission of duly filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 10.04.2023**. TIDEL Park Ltd., reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/1590/TENDER/2023 **Managing Director**

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INBRIEF

Murmu visits Amritsar, pays obeisance at Golden Temple

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday visited Amritsar in Punjab, where she paid her obeisance at the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib), the Durgiana Temple and Bhagwan Valmiki Ram Tirath Sthal. The President, who was received by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, also visited the Jallianwala Bagh and paid tribute to freedom fighters. During her visit, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the body responsible for the management of gurdwaras, submitted two memorandums to the President, one regarding the release of Sikh prisoners and the other for repealing the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Act, 2014.

Navy's major operational level exercise TROPEX concludes

The Indian Navy's major operational-level exercise, TROPEX, for 2023, conducted from November 2022 to March 2023, culminated this week in the Arabian Sea. The overall exercise construct included a coastal defence exercise, 'Sea Vigil', and an amphibious exercise 'AMPHEX', the Navy said. The exercise saw participation from the Army, the Air Force and the Coast Guard. TROPEX-23 witnessed the participation of approximately 70 Indian Navy ships, six submarines and over 75 aircraft. Its culmination brings to an end an intense operational phase for the Indian Navy that commenced in November 2022, the Navy said.

Global conclave for Rajasthani diaspora to be held in Sept.

Non-resident Rajasthanis (NRRs) from all over the world will participate in the International Rajasthani Conclave to be held on September 23 and 24 this year, in Jaipur. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal to organise the mega event on Thursday while sanctioning an additional Budget provision of ₹5 crore for it. The two-day conclave will be organised under the aegis of the State government's Industries Department and the Rajasthan Foundation. Mr. Gehlot had announced holding of the event in the 2023-24 State Budget with the objective of bringing together and networking with the NRRs.

Bird with a camera-like object fitted to its leg caught off coast

The Odisha Police have intensified a probe into the detection of a pigeon having a camera-like object fitted to its leg. The pigeon was caught by fishermen off the Odisha coast recently. "The pigeon was caught by crew members of a boat while they were fishing about 70 km from Paradip coast and 15 km from Konark coast. The bird was caught on March 6," said Additional Superintendent of Police Nimai Charan Sethi. "They [fishermen] came across a camera-like lens fitted to its left leg while there was a chip-like material affixed to the right leg. When they got suspicious about it, they handed over the bird to Marine Police Station," he said.

Assam sets record for most essays on a person

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday received a certificate from the Guinness World Records for the highest number of essays written about a single person.

The BJP-led government in the State had received a total of 42,94,350 lakh handwritten essays on Ahom General Lachit Borphukan to mark his 400th birth anniversary. The year-long celebration was launched by former President Ramnath Kovind in February 2022.

Handing over the certificate to the Chief Minister, a Guinness representative said no other occasion or historical entity had generated almost 43 lakh handwritten notes. The essays were written by people in Assam and elsewhere across the globe.

Mr. Sarma said the State government had appealed to the people to pay tribute to the legendary Ahom Army commander on his 400th birth anniversary by uploading their essays on a portal and mobile phone app launched in November 2022.

The government received more than 57 lakh essays but the Guinness authorities considered 42.94 lakh images of the handwritten essays.

Railways gears up to fulfil coal demand of power sector

Coal transport by rail up 24.5% this financial year till February from the corresponding period last year; more coal-carrying wagons introduced

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In February 2023, 426.3 rakes per day had been loaded for the power sector against 399 rakes per day in February 2022. FILE PHOTO

With the advent of summer, the Railway Ministry has prioritised the transportation of coal to meet the projected demand for rakes from the power sector.

In terms of tonnage, the Railways has moved almost 12% more coal in this financial year, till February, in comparison with the previous year's haulage, a Ministry statement said. In terms of net tonne kilometres, coal transport by rail is up 24.5% over the corresponding period.

"Loading of rakes for power sector from various sources in the current fiscal from April 2022 to February 2023 is 408 rakes per day against 344 rakes per day in last year, which is an increase of 64 rakes per day," the statement said. In February 2023, 426.3 rakes per day have been loaded for the sector against 399 rakes per day in February 2022, which is an increase of 27.3 rakes.

More wagons

In order to meet the projected demand for rakes by the power sector in the coming fiscal, the Indian Railways has inducted more coal-carrying wagons. "7692 BOXNHL and 1052 BOBRN wagons have been inducted during April 2022 to January 2023. Around 32,534 BOXNHL and 2450 BOBRN wagons indents pending," the Ministry said.

BOXNHL wagons are open ones primarily used to carry bulk commodities including coal, limestone, iron ore and coke, while BOBRN wagons have been developed specially for movement of bulk quantities of coal from coilleries to the nearest delivery point.

Keeping in view the rising demand expected over the next few years, the government has undertaken comprehensive planning of an Energy Corridor, with planned investments of ₹1 lakh crore for around 100 projects. The Railways has also added 1,018 freight locomotives to its fleet till the end of February 2023 and this augmentation is expected to continue.

In addition, 4,500 kilometres of new tracks are expected to be commissioned in 2022-23, majority of which are on coal carrying routes. "This will further improve turnaround of coal carrying rakes," the Ministry added.

Deakin University in GIFT City will allow semesters abroad

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The university will offer Master's programmes in cybersecurity and business analytics

Australia's Deakin University, which will be the first foreign education institution to set up a campus in GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), will roll out academic programmes from July 2024 where students will also have the option to migrate to campuses in its home country, its Vice-Chancellor, Iain Martin, has said.

Deakin's arrival in India was announced by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Ahmedabad in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. Its branch campus will be spread over 25,000 square feet within GIFT City, and will be set up with an investment of 4 million Australian dollars. The university will offer a Master's programme in cybersecurity (professional) and a Master's in Business Analytics. Deakin is a public university in Australia, and ranks 266 in the QS Global Rankings 2022.

"The entry criteria will be the same as that for our campuses in Australia, which are a good undergraduate degree, work experience and English language assessment. Programmes will be delivered in the same timeline and same trimester structure [February, July and October intake]. This means that a student here who would like to do a trimester of study in Australia could move seamlessly between our campus in Gujarat and one of our five campuses in Australia. But we will also give an Indian flavour through our Indian partners and case studies," Professor Martin said in an interaction with *The Hindu*.

The university will start with an intake of 50-60 students and gradually raise that to nearly 100. While the tuition fee is yet to be finalised, it is estimated to be half of what Deakin charges on its campuses in Australia.

Among the factors that enables Deakin to plan a launch as early as next year is the availability of schools, affordable housing, hotels and recreational facilities within GIFT City, Professor Martin said. He said the IFSC norms announced last October for foreign campuses that require regulations and standards to be the same as the home campus made the opportunity attractive.

Satish Kaushik, versatile film veteran, is no more

Anuj Kumar

An incredible entertainer, who could write, direct and tickle more than just the funny bone, Satish Kaushik, 66, wore many hats without making a show of his versatility. The affable ambassador of cinema and theatre died of a cardiac arrest in Gurugram on Wednesday.

Armed with a disarming smile and a natural flair to find drama in everyday existence, Kaushik had this endearing quality that could melt barriers both on and off the screen. Essentially an actor with a director's eye, he could channel the tragicomic side of life into his writing and characters, right from his *Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro* (1983) days to *Kaagaz* (2021). In his performances, he exuded the charming everydayness of a self-made man who always wore his earthiness on his sleeve.

Kaushik was born in a family with modest means in Mahendragarh district of Haryana. Growing up in Delhi's Karol Bagh, he remained a quintessential *Dilliwala* who loved good food, carried a big heart and could laugh at his own expense. He shed his stage fright at Kirori Mal College, polished his craft in the National School of Drama, and nurtured big Bollywood dreams at the Film and Television Institute of India. Unlike his many seniors from the institute, Kaushik wanted to play on the front foot in mainstream cinema. He would talk about how his early struggles in life – when he worked in a textile mill in the morning and did plays at Prithvi Theatre in the evening – provided him the resilience to survive the rough and tumble of the film business that relied on face value.

Satish Kaushik

Full of anecdotes, he once told this journalist how he never carried his photographs during his struggling days and once showed the X-Ray report of his kidney to Shyam Benegal when the famed director told him to drop off his pictures at his office. It materialised in a role in *Mandi*!

A reliable supporting actor who would provide the base for the protagonists, Kaushik made a name with a series of comic roles. Calendar, the affable cook that he played in Shekhar Kapoor's *Mr. India* (1987), is part of the collective memory of most Indians. He was a constant presence in Govinda's slapstick comedies such as *Deewana Mastana*, *Haseena Maan Jayegi* and *Bade Miyan Chhote Miyan*. Kaushik also played a number of characters who are still remembered by their names.

More than a comedian

Keen to break the type, Kaushik always maintained that he was not a comedian but an actor who excelled in comic roles. When he was at the top of his funny game, Kaushik played the role of a shrewd politician in Sudhir Mishra's *Calcutta Mail* (2003). Not to forget the quiet optimism of the chubby Chanu in Sarah Gavron's *Brick Lane* that won him rave reviews.

Later in films such as *Udta Punjab* and *Thar*, he showed how one could be entertaining in a realistic space as well. He had just finished Kangana Ranaut's *Emergency* in which he will be seen as Congress stalwart and Dalit leader Jagjivan Ram.

Mr. India provided Kaushik, the actor, an opportunity to observe the world from behind the camera. Pushed by his friend Anil Kapoor and his producer brother Boney Kapoor, he turned director with *Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja*. Beyond the family entertainers, he loved making films with a social message. If *Tere Sang* talked about childhood pregnancy, *Kaagaz*, his last directorial venture, raised the issue of people who are declared dead in official papers. Last week, meeting on the sidelines of the poster launch of a film festival, Kaushik was elated at how the film nudged district magistrates in Uttar Pradesh to take up such cases. "Now I want to make cinema that can spur change at the grassroots," he said.

Wherever he would be, Kaushik would have made the atmosphere a few degrees lighter by now.

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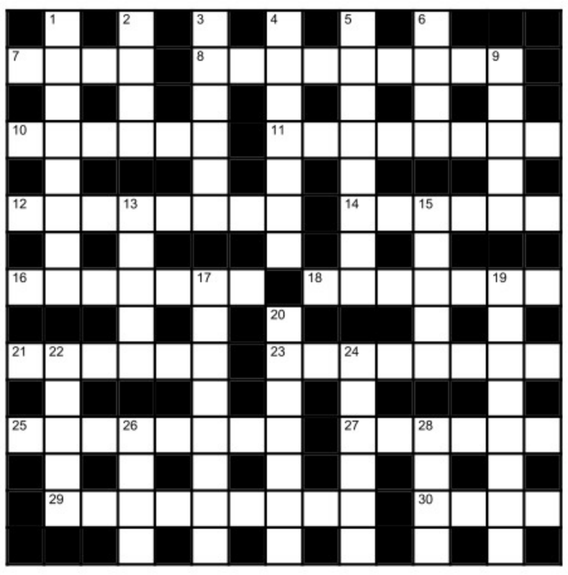

Across

7 Centreville creature went away (4)
8 What the TSA scanner did to me while I did this to the female TSA agent? (4,1,4)
10 Perhaps Tom does this in a Top Gun aircraft (6)
11 Indian's fine to shadow actress with ease, I hear (8)
12 The genie converted one and half dozen (8)
14 Bordello customer carries an insect (6)
16 Aids donkey at first with some sugar (7)
18 Perhaps, nationalist Patrick is followed by a display of anarchy (7)
21 Bad art by actress Ms Thurman results in agony (6)
23 Rotter hiding in box with spades in American mountain range (8)
25 European statute mentioned in challenge in US state (8)
27 American state having right soldier (6)
29 Small guy's missile? (9)
30 Indigenous North American people mentioned in decrees (4)

Down

1 Enlists 10 going around centre of metro following end of tour (8)
2 Extraterrestrial at university has one small case (4)
3 Mummy returned by French father in current unit (6)
4 Bringing out throwing dice and gun (7)
5 Devious Machiavelli, not having HIV, makes some type of tea (8)
6 Washington company in Texan city (4)
9 Drops outhouses? (5)
13 "Hear an Indian koel's ululation for starters", say these lines (5)
15 About Central Intelligence Agency taking Roman Catholic into custody (5)
17 Treaty rewritten to cover a midshipman in Bostonian revolt (3,5)
19 No leader can make a shrub (8)
20 Howls about dairy product carried by ship (7)
22 No trust in truth serum concoction producing thin mucus (5)
24 Yes, in Spain, money (not euro) for buying sacred things forbidden by law (6)
26 Uncle's wife cooked tuna (4)
28 Stone mythical bird alighting on king (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	7	5	1	6	3	9	2
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2	1	6	3	7	4	9	5	8
7	6	2	9	4	8	5	3	1
9	4	1	6	5	3	2	8	7
8	3	5	7	2	1	6	4	9

FAITH

Lord Rama's great qualities

Ramayana can be studied with reverence and adoration for the great qualities of Sri Rama. The manifold excellence of His character had its influence on the lives of people in the past and will do so in the ages to come.

Sage Narada is called by poet Valmiki as Tapaswadhyaya and Tapaswi. Swadhyaya refers to having learnt the Vedas and Tapaswi denotes having undergone great penance. The poet asked the sage who among the heroes of this world is the highest in virtue and wisdom. The poet listed 16 qualities. 1. good characteristics, 2. valour, 3. astute follower of the prescribed rituals, 4. righteousness, 5. benevolence and gratitude, 6. not uttering lies, 7. ever speaking the truth, 8. steadfastness in fulfilling the resolves taken, 9. self-realisation, 10. conqueror of anger, and being without 11. passion, 12. jealousy, 13. calumny, 14. having wisdom and intelligence, 15. statesmanship with moral conduct and 16. fortunes. Sage Narada unhesitatingly replied that it is Sri Rama who possessed all these qualities. Sage Narada had blessed the poet with about 100 slokas titled "Sankshepa Ramayanam". The poet later developed and expanded it to 24,000 slokas.

In the almanac, usually *maranayoga* – a time not considered auspicious – will be tagged with the 27 stars rotating everyday. But the star Punarvasu, on which Lord Rama was born, has no *maranayoga*, said Sengalipuram Sri Kannamani Dikshitar in a discourse. The star Punarvasu is split as Puna:vasu, which implies that lost wealth will be retrieved. The ninth day of a lunar fortnight Navami is not considered a good one. But to glorify it, He had chosen to be born on Navami.

SUVA

Former Fiji PM Bainimarama charged with abuse of office

AFP

Fiji's former Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama is due to appear in court on Friday to face a charge of abuse of office, the police said, months after an election removed him from power. It is alleged that Mr. Bainimarama and Sitiveni Qiliho, a key ally, were involved in quashing a police investigation. AFP

ATHENS

Greek officials charged over train crash; PM vows 'transparency'

AFP

Greek prosecutors on Thursday charged three more railway officials in connection with the country's worst train crash that killed 57 people, as the Prime Minister vowed "absolute transparency" in the probe into the tragedy. The stationmaster on duty at the time of the accident was charged several days ago. AFP

BENI

Suspected ADF militants kill 40 people in twin DR Congo attacks

AFP

Suspected Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) militants have killed over 40 people in twin attacks in eastern DR Congo, local officials said on Thursday, in the latest bloodshed across the turbulent region. The ADF, which the Islamic State group claims as its central African affiliate, is one of the deadliest armed militias in eastern Congo. AFP

JABA

Three Palestinian militants killed in shoot-out with Israeli forces

REUTERS

Three Palestinian militants were killed in a shoot-out with Israeli troops on Thursday, the latest deaths in a surge of Israeli arrest raids in the occupied West Bank. Israeli security forces said they raided the village of Jaba in the northern West Bank to arrest suspects wanted for attacks on Israeli soldiers in the area. AP

Russian missile barrage slams into Ukrainian cities

Russia launched 81 missiles and eight exploding Shahed drones which killed at least six; President Zelensky says the attack hit critical infrastructure and residential buildings in 10 regions of Ukraine

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia unleashed "a massive rocket attack" that hit critical infrastructure and residential buildings in 10 regions of Ukraine, the country's President said on Thursday, with officials reporting at least six deaths in the largest such nighttime attack in three weeks.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said the barrage that came while many people slept and knocked out power in cities across the country was an attempt by Moscow "to intimidate Ukrainians again."

"The occupiers can only terrorise civilians. That's all they can do," Mr. Zelensky said in an online statement.

The war has largely ground to a battlefield stalemate over the winter. The Kremlin's forces started targeting Ukraine's power supply last October in an apparent attempt to demoralise the civilian population and compel Kyiv to negotiate peace on Moscow's terms. The attacks later became less frequent, with analysts speculating Russia may have been running low on ammunition. The last major bombardment took place on February 16.

Overall, Russia launched 81 missiles and eight exploding Shahed drones on Thursday, according to Ukraine's chief commander of the armed forces, Valerii Zaluzhnyi. Thirty-four cruise missiles were intercepted, as were four drones, he said.

The Russian Defence Ministry said the attacks were in retaliation for an alleged incursion into the Bryansk region of western Russia a week earlier by what Moscow claimed were Ukrainian saboteurs. Ukraine denied the claim and warned that Moscow could use the allegations to justify stepping up its own attacks.

The strikes left almost half of consumers in Kyiv without heating, with temperatures at around 9 degree Celsius. Kharkiv was left without running water, heating, trams and trolleybuses after 15 missiles hit the region, mayor Ihor Terekhov told the Ukrainian public broadcaster.

Around 150,000 households were left without power in Ukraine's northwestern Zhytomyr region. In Odesa, emergency blackouts occurred due to damaged power lines.

It's the sixth time that Europe's largest nuclear plant has been in a state of blackout since it was taken over by Russia months ago, forcing it to rely on diesel generators. Nuclear plants need constant power to run cooling systems and avoid a meltdown, and fears remain about the possibility of a catastrophe at Zaporizhzhia.

Blanket obliteration: People searching the rubble of a house after a Russian strike in Velyka Vilshanytsia, Ukraine, on Thursday. AFP

Rights group in Ukraine wins Norway's freedom prize

Agence France-Presse
OSLO

Ukrainian rights group Truth Hounds, which documents war crimes in the Ukraine conflict, was on Thursday awarded Norway's Sakharov Freedom Award.

The Norwegian Helsinki Committee human rights organisation that awards the prize called Truth Hounds "a force to be reckoned with", honouring them "for their work to document war crimes and potential crimes against humanity".

"Their often dangerous work is fuelled by a desire to see justice done on behalf of victims," said the secretary general of the committee, Berit Lindeman.

Nepal elects Ram Chandra Poudel as new President

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Ram Chandra Poudel of the Nepali Congress was on Thursday elected President of Nepal, amid increasing political instability in the country ruled by a fragile coalition headed by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'. Mr. Poudel, a common candidate of the eight-party alliance that included the Nepali Congress and Prime Minister 'Prachanda'-led CPN (Maoist Centre), received the vote of 214 lawmakers of Parliament and 352 provincial Assembly members.

"Hearty congratulations to my friend Ram Chandra Poudel*ji* for being elected as the President," Nepali Congress chief Sher Bahadur Deuba tweeted.

Ram Chandra Poudel

With the support from eight political parties, 78-year-old Mr. Poudel's victory was certain. His rival Subas Chandra Nebmang had the support of former Prime Minister K.P. Sharma-led CPN-UML.

This is the third presidential election in Nepal since the country became a republic in 2008.

The tenure of the current President, Bidya Devi Bhandari, will end on March 12.

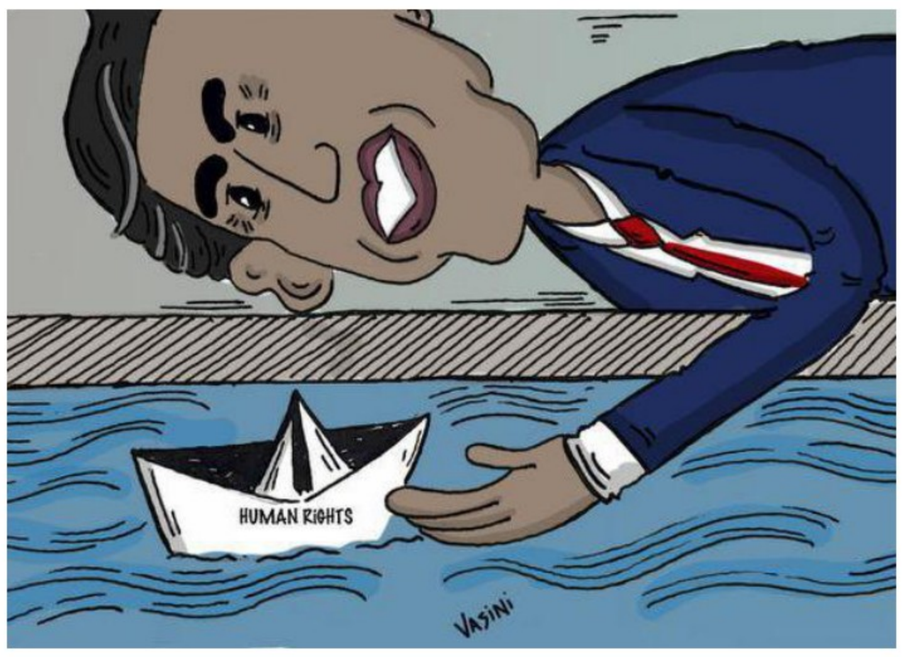
Ceremonial post

Election Commission spokesperson Shaligram said 518 provincial Assembly members and 313 Members of Parliament cast their votes in the presidential election.

The term of office of the President will be five years from the date of election and an individual can be elected for the post for only two terms.

Although the post of President is largely ceremonial, Nepal's political parties have lately shown a growing interest in the post owing to the discretionary powers the Constitution accords to the post.

On the draw



Taliban leader killed in suicide attack

Agence France-Presse
MAZAR-I-SHARIF

The Taliban governor of Afghanistan's Balkh province, known for fighting against Islamic State jihadists, was killed in a suicide attack at his office on Thursday, officials said.

The killing, a day after he met top government officials visiting from Kabul, makes Mohammad Dawood Muzammil one of the highest-ranking figures slain since the Taliban stormed back to power in 2021.

Georgia halts plans of 'foreign agent' Bill

Agence France-Presse
TBILISI

The ruling Georgian Dream party said that the Bill had been 'represented in a bad light'

Georgia's ruling party announced on Thursday it was halting plans to introduce a "foreign agent" law similar to Russia's, but the Opposition vowed to step up protests.

Concern has been growing that the ex-Soviet nation, which aspires to join the EU and NATO, is taking an authoritarian turn and maintaining links with Moscow. Since Russia invaded Ukraine, Georgia has hosted an influx of anti-war Russians.

Plans for a "foreign agent" law – reminiscent of Kremlin legislation used to silence critics – triggered mass protests, which saw Georgian police fire water cannon and tear gas at thousands of demonstrators.

The ruling Georgian Dream party said that the Bill had been "represented in a bad light" and promised public consultations after announcing its withdrawal.

Biden raises taxes on rich, sets up 2024 run

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden will travel to the swing state of Pennsylvania on Thursday to unveil a federal Budget plan laden with spending proposals and higher taxes on the wealthy that will form a blueprint for his expected 2024 re-election bid.

Mr. Biden's proposal faces stiff opposition in Congress this year after Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in November's midterm elections and large parts of it are unlikely ever to be enacted.

The plan, however, is a political statement that directly defies Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's threat to block an increase in the $31.4 trillion limit on federal borrowing unless Mr. Biden agrees to rein in federal spending.

Meanwhile, Mr. Biden will, reportedly, promise to protect those earning less than $400,000 a year from tax increases and safeguard Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. A White House official contrasted Mr. Biden's vision with that of Republicans, saying the Budget would reduce costs for families.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

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e-Tenders are invited for supply of **"1,80,000 Kgs of Dried Grapes (Indian Brown)** for a period of Four months "through e-tenders-cum-e-reverse tendering" to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams. For Tender Notice and tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org** and **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact phone numbers: **0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No.0877-2264554.**
Roc.No.PR4/13952/Adv.423/PRO/2023, Dated:09-03-2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED
WBSETCL
(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)
Registered Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 091
CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/CRP/22-23/28 **Date: 10.03.2023**
The **Chief Engineer (Procurement)** invites e-Tender for procurement of Control & Relay Panels ***(2nd call)***. Interested bidders may obtain bidding documents by registering themselves on the e-tendering portal **(https://wbtenders.gov.in** or **https://etender.wb.nic.in)**. Bid documents can be downloaded from **10.03.2023, 11:00 A.M.** and bids shall be submitted (online) up to **12:00 Noon, 06.04.2023**. Visit the Company's website **www.wbsetcl.in** for details.
ICA- T5141(3)/2022

RAJASTHAN STATE GANGANAGAR SUGAR MILLS LIMITED
Regd. Office: 4th FLOOR, NEHRU SAHKAR BHAWAN, BHAWANI SINGH ROAD, JAIPUR-302006
CIN:U15421RJ1945SGC000285 Tel: 0141-2740841, Fax: 0141-2740676, Email-ID : dgmpurchase.rsgsm@rajasthan.gov.in
NIB No. :- RSGSM/ENA/2022-23/Pur/65 **Dated :- 03/03/2023**
E-BID SHORT NOTICE
Bids For Modification of Distillery capacity 30 KLPD R.S. plant with 1.2 MW biomass based (multifuel boiler and power plant) to 30 KLPD ENA plant and machinery complete supply, erection, commissioning including civil work and structure at Chak23F, Teh. ShriKaranpur, Sriganganagar. are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 p.m. of 20.03.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state; **http://excise.rajasthan.gov.in**, departmental website.
UBN: GSM2223SLRC00203
Raj.Samwad/C/22/15644 **Dy. General Manager (Purchase)**

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No.SPPH/A-II/Adv/2023/4729 **Date:10-03-2023**
मुहरबंद निविदाएं निम्न लिखित वस्तु(ओं)/सेवा ओं की प्राप्ति के लिए पात्र और योग्य निविदाकर्ता ओं से आमंत्रित किये जातेहैं:
Sealed tenders are invited from eligible and qualified tenderers for the following Items :
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

Sl. No.	Brief Description of Goods / Services.	Tender no.	Quantity	Closing date and time for receipt of tenders
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Six Colour Sheet Fed Offset Printing Machine for Printing on Polymer/Plastic and Paper Substrates	6000018102	1 No.	25-04-2023 At 10:45 AM (IST)
2.	Procurement of Snow white maplitho paper in reel form 75GSM, Reel width of 43cms	SPMCIL/Security Printing Press Hyderabad/ Purchase/25/ 22-23/ET/412.	30MT	11-04-2023 At 10:45 AM (IST)
	Procurement of Snow white maplitho paper in reel form 75GSM, Reel width of 50cms		10MT	

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हस्ता/Sd/-
Manager (MM) & CPSO (कृतमुख्य महाप्रबंधक/ For Chief General Manager)

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
RFP NOTIFICATION
Sealed RFPs are invited for carrying out Internal Audit in TTD from the Category 1 CA Firms. The firms having their Head Office in a State other than Andhra Pradesh should have their branch office in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The sealed RFPs should reach us on or before 15 days from the date of advertisement of Notification.
For other details please visit
TTD Website https://www.tirumala.org.
Roc.No.PR4/13952/Adv.424/PRO/2023, Dated:09-03-2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

TNPL TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist. Tamil Nadu.
Ph.: 04324 - 277001 (10 Lines). Extn. 4206/4295. Email : pmd.civil@tnpl.co.in
CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.	Work Description	Due date
222323 004555	Construction of male bachelor's hostel (Phase I - 15 rooms) at TNPL Unit - II	22.03.2023
222323 004548	Construction of Housing Colony (Phase III) at TNPL Unit - II	18.03.2023

The above tenders published in "The Hindu" and "Daily Thanthi" on dated 03/03/2023 are hereby treated as cancelled due to administrative reasons.
DIPR/1571/Tender/2023 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்."

कार्यालय नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर
(पण्डित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन, ज्ञानकोती, टोंक रोड, जयपुर)
क्रमांक :- ज.स.अ./2023/446 दिनांक :- 02/03/2023
ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक :- 71-72/2022-23
नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर के लिए जेसीबी व डम्पर आपूर्ति कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत फर्म्स से ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र, विस्तृत सूचना एवं शर्तें आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाइट **www.jaipurmc.org, www.sppp.raj.nic.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर स्टेट पब्लिक प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट के **UBN No JMC2223SSOB01520 to JMC2223SSOB01521** पर देखी जा सकती है।
उपायुक्त (मैनाज)
राज.संवाद/सी/22/15518 नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

KMML The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
Spreading Splendour
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 e-mail: md@kmml.com, URL: kmml.com
E-TENDER NOTICE
For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Item
1.	2023_KMML_562323_1	For the supply of FRP Pipe and Fittings
2.	2023_KMML_563754_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves
3.	2023_KMML_563923_1	For the supply of Digester Gear Box
4.	2023_KMML_563418_1	For the supply of Plate Inconnel
5.	2023_KMML_562694_1	For the supply of Inconnel Pipe
6.	2023_KMML_562756_1	For the supply of Plate Inconnel
7.	2023_KMML_562476_1	For the supply of 80,000 Nos of Polythene Product Bags

Chavara 09.03.2023 *Sd/-* Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

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Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324 - 277001 (10 Lines)
Unit - 2: Mondipatti - 621 306, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04332 - 261600
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Work Description	Due date
222313 007403	Procurement of Maize Based Native Starch (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit - I	22.03.2023
222313 007407	Manufacture, Supply, Dismantling, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Internals & Corroded Plates in Two Fields of ESP in Lime Kiln # 1 at TNPL Unit - I	21.03.2023
222313 007405	Manufacture, Supply, Dismantling, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Internals & Corroded Plates in Three Fields of ESP in Recovery Boiler # 2 at TNPL Unit - I	21.03.2023
222323 004570	Refiner Segment for BCTMP, Hard Wood, Broke Refiner	25.03.2023
222323 004571	Dryer Screens	28.03.2023
Email	222313007403 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 222313007407; 222313007405 - pmd8@tnpl.co.in 222323004570; 222323004571 - purchaseimp.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed requirements, Period, Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document at our websites : **www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in / www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
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INBRIEF

Mercedes-Benz India to raise prices by up to 5% on costs

Mercedes-Benz India has announced an upward revision of about 5% of the ex-showroom price of its vehicles effective April 1. "Depreciation of the currency compared to the euro, combined with increased input cost including logistics costs, have been exerting significant pressure on the company's overall operational cost," said the company. A combination of these factors has prompted the firm to revise the ex-showroom price of its models to offset some of these costs.

Kauvery Hospital receives $70 million in PE investment

Chennai-based Kauvery Hospital has raised equity funding of $70 million from private equity (PE) fund managed by IIFL Asset Management Limited for a minority stake. The investment holds significance in Kauvery Hospital's next phase of growth which is likely to move towards an IPO tentatively in the next three years. This comprises augmenting capacities in Chennai and Bengaluru, along with expansion in chosen clusters within Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Jio buys U.S.-based Mimosa Networks for $60 million

Jio Platforms, the digital arm of Reliance Industries Ltd., will buy communications equipment maker Mimosa Networks for $60 million as it looks to bolster its 5G telecom and broadband services. While Jio Platforms is the owner of Reliance Jio Infocomm, Mimosa has a portfolio of point-to-multi-point products based on WiFi-5 and the newer WiFI 6E technologies as well as related accessories. PTI

Full trade deal to be in place by Q3, says Australia's Farrell

Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement lends great opportunities to expand ties, says Australia's Minister for Trade and Tourism; expresses confidence in timeline citing political will

Thomas K Thomas
Ayushi Kar
MUMBAI

Australia's Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell is confident that a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) will be in place by the third quarter this year.

"We have been asking that we finalise that by the third quarter... I am confident with the timeline; I believe there is will on both sides," Mr. Farrell said in an exclusive interview.

While the two nations have already signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, the CECA will take the trade relationship to the next level.

CECA on horizon

India and Australia have been negotiating a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement after having reached an initial trade deal ECTA

- The ECTA has already led to two consecutive reductions in tariffs, says Australian Minister
- In January $2.5 bn in imports from Australia came in under lower tariffs, says Farrell
- Stresses red lines on both sides can be overcome with mutual respect, understanding

"Already we are seeing the first evidence of the free trade agreement... with the two consecutive reductions in tariffs. In January, $2.5 billion in trade from Australia came into India under lower tariffs. Now, I think certainly from our point of view, this gives us great opportunities to expand our relationship."

Asked about India's concerns over the free import of Australian dairy products, he said, "Each side has red lines that make it difficult to reach an agreement... With a bit of respect on both sides and a bit of understanding, we can get there and work through those problems".

(The writers are with The Hindu businessline)

Anthony Albanese

'Trade pact has unlocked enormous potential'

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Visiting Australian PM Anthony Albanese said the India-Australia Economic Cooperation & Trade Agreement has unlocked enormous potential in the bilateral relationship.

"It gives Australian businesses far greater access to the mighty Indian economy, a market of some 1.4 billion people and one of the world's fastest growing economies in the world," he told a gathering.

"More than 85% of Australian goods exported by value to India are tariff free and 96% of import from India to Australia is tariff free as well. Australian fresh lobster and lamb used to be subjected to a 30% tariff. Now it is zero," he said.

"Tariffs on other products like avocado, citrus and seafood are on a pathway to zero and I look forward to the bustling restaurants of Mumbai and Delhi, right through India, showcasing these great Australian products with a glass of premium Australian wine alongside," he added.

Inflation to ease in FY24, but monsoon is a key risk: CEA

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran on Thursday said India's inflation rate was expected to ease in 2023-24, but added that monsoon-related issues would be a key risk. El Nino conditions could have a bearing on the monsoon, which in turn, would have an impact on food prices, inflation and economic growth, he said.

Mr. Nageswaran was speaking on 'Have global headwinds delayed India's March to $5 trillion economy?', organised by the Chennai International Centre. He pointed out that there was global uncertainty caused by higher inflation and higher interest rates, creating tight financial conditions. In 2022, developed economies saw a high inflation rate of 8-9%, compared with their average of 2%, while India saw inflation of 7%. He said an economic slowdown in the U.S. might have positive implications.

V. Anantha Nageswaran

A slowing economy would lead to a pause in interest rate increases in the U.S., which would result in the Reserve Bank of India stopping its rate hikes. Factoring in for currency fluctuations, India would likely be a $3.4 trillion economy in 2022-23 and could become a $5 trillion economy by FY26 or FY27, and hit $7 trillion by 2030, he said.

April-Feb. finished steel exports slump 52%: Govt. data

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India exported 52% less finished steel from April to February than it did a year earlier, as slowing global demand hit shipments, according to government data seen by Reuters.

The export volume was lower at 5.9 million tonnes, despite the government's withdrawal of an export tax in November. India, the world's second-biggest producer of crude steel, also imports the alloy.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,806	-0.90
US Dollar	82.06	-0.13
Gold	55,025	-0.13
Brent oil	83.33	0.94

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1953.15	-86.50
Adani Ports	697.25	-14.80
Apollo Hosp	4418.15	42.10
Asian Paints	2853.55	-6.00
Axis Bank	867.80	6.85
Bajaj Auto	3813.50	2.30
Bajaj Finserv	1352.55	-28.25
Bajaj Finance	5901.30	-95.55
Bharti Airtel	773.40	6.85
BPCL	324.85	-1.25
Britannia Ind	4291.70	-47.95
Cipla	881.75	4.50
Coal India	224.80	-0.05
Divis Lab	2810.20	-24.30
Dr Reddys Lab	4380.95	-45.30
Eicher Motors	3146.70	-57.70
Grasim Ind	1601.25	0.15
HCL Tech	1116.65	-4.00
HDFC	2667.10	-12.35
HDFC Bank	1630.70	0.15
HDFC Life	491.25	-3.95
Hero MotoCorp	2443.80	-34.25
Hindalco	408.85	1.10
Hind Unilever	2461.40	-23.70
ICICI Bank	855.95	-16.15
IndusInd Bank	1169.80	-4.45
Infosys	1480.40	-12.30
ITC	387.50	-4.90
JSW Steel	680.20	4.80
Kotak Bank	1716.70	-23.50
L&T	2193.20	22.40
M&M	1248.15	-41.80
Maruti Suzuki	8541.95	-151.95
NestleIndia	18535.70	17.45
NTPC	179.45	0.60
ONGC	156.30	-1.95
PowerGrid Corp	225.80	-2.25
Reliance Ind	2359.25	-58.10
SBI Life	1096.70	-32.50
State Bank	558.90	-5.90
Sun Pharma	952.70	-4.80
TataConsumerProduct	709.25	-11.25
Tata Motors	432.20	-7.10
Tata Steel	108.20	1.70
TCS	3336.85	-53.55
Tech Mahindra	1060.00	-18.30
Titan	2368.25	-28.85
UltraTech Cement	7242.95	-24.30
UPL	712.10	-4.60
Wipro	390.10	-2.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.77	82.10
Euro	86.39	86.73
British Pound	97.14	97.53
Japanese Yen (100)	60.05	60.29
Chinese Yuan	11.74	11.78
Swiss Franc	87.17	87.52
Singapore Dollar	60.50	60.74
Canadian Dollar	59.29	59.52
Malaysian Ringitt	18.07	18.16
Australian Dollar	54.09	54.30

Source:Indian Bank

Bock buy adds a big opportunity: Danfoss

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The recent acquisition of German compressor manufacturer Bock GmbH by Danfoss would provide a huge opportunity in mobile air-conditioning for the latter's Indian subsidiary, said top officials.

"Bock makes semi-hermetic compressors that uses natural refrigerants such as CO2," Danfoss India president Ravichandran Purushothaman told reporters. "These are game changers given they have less harm on climate change and offer higher efficiencies in storing food for longer duration."

Stating the acquisition augured well for Danfoss as India is planning to roll out several Vande Bharat trains over the next two years, he said, "Bock has a facility in Bengaluru Electronics City and its products are used widely in transport air-conditioning such as bus, rail or trucks". He said Danfoss India was hopeful of doubling its turnover to ₹5,000 crore by 2025.

Ravichandran Purushothaman

Jaypee resolution plan gets NCLT nod

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In a relief for home buyers, a special bench of NCLT Delhi has approved the resolution plan submitted by Suraksha Realty Ltd. along with Lakshdeep Investments and Finance Private Ltd. for the resolution of Jaypee Infratech Ltd., with a direction to the successful resolution applicant to deliver possession of the flats strictly as per the time schedule promised in the resolution plan.

Monitoring panel

The NCLT has further, directed that a monitoring committee would be constituted within seven days, which would take all necessary steps for the expeditious implementation of the resolution plan.

The resolution plan was approved by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) by 98.55% votes.

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India must prepare to curb volatility risks of international rupee: RBI's Rao

Reuters
MUMBAI

India needs to gear up to manage the inevitable volatility that will emerge in the foreign exchange market as the country progresses further towards internationalisation of the rupee, a Deputy Governor at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said recently.

An international currency is one that is freely available to non-residents, essentially to settle cross-border transactions, and in the case of the rupee, this will be achieved by promoting the currency for import and export, without any limits.

But, that will make the rupee more reactive to global events and that would increase outflows, increasing volatility.

If the RBI's efforts towards rupee invoicing bear fruit, local exporters and importers will not need to hedge

"It is now widely accepted that while internationalisation and a freer capital account comes with its own set of benefits, it is not without risks," M. Rajeshwar Rao said.

Mr. Rao did not expand on how to manage the volatility in his comments, which were part of his keynote address at a conference organised by the Foreign Exchange Dealers' Association of India.

India has increasingly aimed at promoting rupee-denominated trade. Last July, the RBI unveiled a mechanism to settle international trade in rupees, aiming at promoting exports and facilitating imports.

Mr. Rao said there was a "good amount of interest" in the rupee trading arrangements the RBI was putting in place. And if the central bank's efforts towards rupee-invoicing bear fruit, local exporters and importers will not need to hedge, he added.

While Mr. Rao cautioned that increasingly interconnected markets will bring greater challenges, there were also opportunities.

New frontiers

New frontiers will also emerge as Indian banks expand their presence in offshore markets, non-residents participate more in domestic markets, and technological changes continue to transform the way markets function, he said.

In such an environment, Mr. Rao said, the RBI remains committed to continuously move ahead steadily and in line with the changing macro-financial environment globally and domestically.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
KARNATAKA STATE AIDS PREVENTION SOCIETY
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No: KSAPS/LS/VL-ST/09/2022-23 Date: 09.03.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM RE-TENDER (CALL-2) THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

Short Term re-tender (Call-2) are invited for Transportation of Blood Samples from Selected ART centres to Designated Viral Labs through e-procurmenet.Tender terms & conditions are available in e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Last date for submission of Tender on e-procurement platform on or before **20.03.2023 upto 5.30 PM.**

Sd/- Project Director, KSAPS, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/AAA/5172/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri
This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/4059/2022-23/9001/
Dated: 09-03-2023

E-Tender Notification

On 23-03-2023 through E-Procurement tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No.156512 & 156513 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **23-03-2023** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- (K.Ramesh)
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Haveri

DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/630/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068.

No.BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-16/2022-23 Date: 09.03.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs.in Lakhs) (1 lakh to be transferred through e-portal & remaining amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR)
1.	Improvements to Roads and Drains in HSR Sub Division.	1000.00	10.00
2.	Improvements to Roads and Drains in Bommanahalli Sub Division.	1000.00	10.00
3.	Improvements to Roads and Drains in Arakere Sub Division.	1000.00	10.00

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal **from 13.03.2023 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting:**14.03.2023 at 11.00 a.m. 3)** Last date for submission of tenders: **20.03.2023 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **23.03.2023 at 10.30 a.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
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The Executive Engineer, (Chickpet Division) BBMP Bangalore invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed below:
(Standard Tender Document - KW-3 & KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Construction and improvements of roads and drains in Kalasipalya cross roads, Ragipet, Thigalarapet and surroundings in Ward No 172 Dharmaraya Temple.	500.00	Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 6.50 Lakhs through BG
2	1. Construction and improvement of roads and drains in Someshwara area and surroundings in Ward No 176-Someshwaranagara. 2. Construction and Improvement of roads and drains in Mohammadan Block and surrounding areas in Ward No 175 Ashokastamba ward. 3. Construction and improvement of roads and drains in Ward No 173 Sunkenahalli ward and Ward No 174 V V Puram Ward. 4. Construction and Improvement of roads and drains Chinnayanapalya and Lakkasandra area in Ward No 177 Hombegowdanagara ward.	500.00	Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 6.50 Lakhs through BG

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. 2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **17-03-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 3) Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders is on **18-03-2023 by 16.30 Hrs.** 4) Date of Financial bid Opening of Tenders is on or after approval of Technical bid. Further details may be had from the above said office during working hours.

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STANDING TALL

Holder's innings helps West Indies fight back in the second Test

Jason Holder (81 not out) took West Indies to 251 in its first innings on day two of the second Test in Johannesburg on Thursday.
The scores: South Africa 320 in 92.2 overs (Aiden Markram 96, Tony de Zorzi 85, Joseph 3/60, Mayers 3/32) & 4/0 in 3 overs vs West Indies 251 in 79.3 overs (Jason Holder 81 n.o., Coetzee 3/41).

SWING FACTOR

Najmul Hossain's knock powers Bangladesh to 1-0 lead

Najmul Hossain hit 51 off 30 balls as Bangladesh beat England by six wickets in the first T20I in Chittagong on Thursday.
The scores: England 156/6 in 20 overs (J. Buttler 67, P. Salt 38) lost to Bangladesh 158/4 in 18 overs (Najmul Hossain 51, Shakib Al Hasan 34 n.o.). **PoM**: Najmul Hossain. **Toss**: Bangladesh.

NEW ROLE

Former pacer Hassan named as Afghanistan's bowling coach

Former fast bowler Hamid Hassan has been named as the new bowling coach of the Afghanistan national men's cricket team, the Afghanistan Cricket Board announced in Kabul on Thursday. Hassan will step into the role during Afghanistan's upcoming three-match T20I series against Pakistan.

TARGETED AGAIN

LaLiga reports racist abuse against Vinicius for seventh time

LaLiga reported racist insults aimed at Real Madrid winger Vinicius Junior during his team's clash with Real Betis to a Seville court on Thursday. "This is the seventh complaint made to the relevant authorities by LaLiga regarding racist insults against Vinicius," said the Spanish top flight in a statement.

Khawaja's century the cornerstone of Aussie surge

The opener registers useful partnerships with Head, Smith and Green as Australia gains ascendancy while the Indian bowlers struggle on a placid wicket; visiting team finishes the day on 255 for four

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

An unwavering Usman Khawaja (104 n.o., 251b, 15x4) hit a boundary through deep square in the last over of the opening day to bring up his second Test century of the year and guide Australia to 255 for four in the fourth Test at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Thursday.

On a surface that looked flat and played better than any other in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy so far, Australia won the crucial toss and decided to grind Indian bowlers out. And after a couple of half-centuries in the last two outings, Khawaja braved the scorching sun and batted through the day to help Australia gain the upper-hand.

Lucky escape

As the Indian bowlers struggled in the first hour of play, Khawaja and Travis Head forged a 61-run stand – the highest opening partnership for Australia on the tour. Head was on seven when K.S. Bharat dropped a straightforward catch, leaving Umesh Yadav frustrated. Making most of the opportunity, the Australian surged ahead. While Khawaja held fort at one end, Head crafted his innings with seven fours – six of which came off Umesh – before holing out to mid-on, in an attempt to go after R. Ashwin.

India pulled things back as Mohammed Shami struck with his second ball of the second spell, having Marnus Labuschagne chopping on. Two wickets lost in quick succession, the run-flow dried up for Australia as it could score just eight runs in the last ten overs before lunch.

However, a calm and composed Khawaja stood firm and a crucial 79-run partnership for the fourth wicket between him and stand-in captain Steve Smith (38, 135b, 3x4) saw Australia dominating the second session. India captain Rohit Sharma tried several bowling options and even brought in Shreyas Iyer for an over, but none could break the partnership.

But, in the second over after tea, Smith, looking to defend a Jadeja delivery, chopped on. Shami struck again in the first over of a new spell, as he rattled Peter Handscomb's middle-stump.

Precariously placed at 170 for four and still 20 overs remaining, Australia suddenly found itself under pressure. But Khawaja once again built a pivotal unbroken 85-run partnership with young Cameron Green (49 n.o., 64b, 8x4) to turn things around.

Khawaja did not change his approach and played a risk-free innings, while Green hit a couple of boundaries off Umesh to get going.

India's decision to take the second ball in the 82nd over also helped the visiting team as the ball came nicely onto the bat, allowing Khawaja to score his 14th Test ton and the visitors ended the day without further slip-ups.

Khawaja has come a long way since the time he used to find the going tough in the sub-continent. In the last 11 Tests in Asia since 2018, he has managed to maintain an average of 75. Better assessment of the conditions and reading the spinners well seem to have done the trick for him.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1st innings

Travis Head c Jadeja b Ashwin 32 *(44b, 7x4)*, Usman Khawaja (batting) 104 *(251b, 15x4)*, Marnus Labuschagne b Shami 3 *(20b)*, Steve Smith b Jadeja 38 *(135b, 3x4)*, Peter Handscomb b Shami 17 *(27b, 3x4)*, Cameron Green (batting) 49 *(64b, 8x4)*; Extras (b-9, lb-1, nb-1, w-1): 12;
Total (for four wkts. in 90 overs): 255.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-61 (Head, 15.3 overs), 2-72 (Labuschagne, 22.2), 3-151 (Smith, 63.4), 4-170 (Handscomb, 70.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 17-2-65-2, Umesh 15-2-58-0, Ashwin 25-8-57-1, Jadeja 20-2-49-1, Axar 12-4-14-0, Shreyas 1-0-2-0.
Toss: Australia.

Perseverance pays: Khawaja showcased composure and determination in equal measure as he propped up Australia. VIJAY SONEJI

The game drifted from us towards the end: Mhambrey

Nailing it: Shami celebrates after rattling Labuschagne's stumps. VIJAY SONEJI

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

The Indian team management brought back Mohammed Shami into the playing eleven for the fourth Test against Australia, whereas Mohammed Siraj was rested.

After missing out on the third Test in Indore due to workload management, Shami looked in shape and claimed a couple of crucial wickets. The visiting team found it a challenge to play his short balls, while Umesh Yadav struggled.

Though the team management's decisions to rest players after a couple of games have raised eyebrows, India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey defended the decision.

"You have to take a call as you also have to look at the individual workload of each bowler. The way we looked at Shami, we needed to give him that break, and it was an opportunity for us that someone like Siraj or Umesh also gets a game. Looking ahead after this series, we have the World Test Championship (final) and we need to look at that as well. We have to see that everyone gets an opportunity but I don't see that as a problem," Mhambrey said. "You have to, at times, rotate bowlers and it is important for players as well..."

Talking about Axar Patel who was given just 12 overs, the bowling coach said: "On a spinner friendly track, two bowlers will get a longer run than the third spinner."

Extolling the spirit of cricket: PMs Narendra Modi and Anthony Albanese with captains Rohit Sharma, Steve Smith, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel and BCCI president Roger Binny. VIJAY SONEJI

Modi and Albanese make it a morning to remember

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Cricket diplomacy isn't new to India. A high-profile delegation, led by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, visited the world's largest cricket stadium here, named after the Indian PM, and had a morning to remember amid loud cheers.

The stadium wore a festive look on Thursday, with the crowd chanting the Indian Prime Minister's name. Mr. Modi took a lap of honour around the ground along with Mr. Albanese to celebrate 75 years of friendship between the two nations.

Setting the tone

Grammy Award-winning Indian-American singer Falguni Shah set the tone with some popular numbers, followed by a traditional dance performance by the local artists.

Soaking in the moment, the Prime Ministers, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Roger Binny, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), took a tour of the Wall of Fame that features several Indian cricket greats.

The toss for the series-deciding fourth and final Test was delayed by a few minutes as Mr. Modi presented the cap to India captain Rohit Sharma, while Mr. Albanese handed the baggy green to Aussie stand-in skipper Steve Smith. The PMs then proceeded to meet the players of both teams.

Binny felicitated Mr. Albanese while the Board secretary Jay Shah feted the Indian Prime Minister. Once the programme ended, the high-profile visitors watched the proceedings from the hospitality box as Australia won the toss and opted to bat.

'It's nice to go out there and tick off a hundred in India'

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Usman Khawaja couldn't remember when was the last time he smiled so much after scoring a Test century. But at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Thursday, the Australian batter did have a broad smile on his face as he braved the sweltering conditions to bring up his 14th Test ton.

Amid loud cheers from the spectators, Khawaja had a low-key celebration as he just raised his bat in the air and hugged Cameron Green.

Emotion in it

"I don't think I've ever smiled so much on getting a century. There was emotion in it, I've done two tours of India before, carried the drinks for eight Test matches before I got a chance here," Khawaja said.

Khawaja remembered those days when he was told that he could not play spin. "Throughout the middle of my career I got told I couldn't play spin and that's why I never got an opportunity to play in India. Khawaja had previously toured India in 2013 and 2017, but did not feature in the playing eleven.

"I got an opportunity to play in a white-ball series a few years ago and was

Khawaja.. jumping for joy. VIJAY SONEJI

Man-of-the-Series, got an opportunity here again with the red ball. It's just nice to go out there and tick off a hundred in India which was something if you told me five years ago I'd think you were crazy," he said with a smile.

"Out there I thought it was alright, the wicket was a lot better, the conditions were a lot nicer than the first few games. It was just a nicer batting wicket, it wasn't spinning much, the stumps felt in play and we have come from three-day games in the first Tests so there was a little bit of a change of tack," he said. "I felt like I could bat normally, hence why I just batted and didn't take too many risks."

And when he walks out to bat on Friday, Khawaja will be man on a mission.

Mendis. AFP

Lanka makes bright start before bad light ends play

Reuters
CHRISTCHURCH

Kusal Mendis and captain Dimuth Karunaratne scored half-centuries as Sri Lanka made 305 for six before bad light brought an early end on day one of the first Test against New Zealand on Thursday.

Sri Lanka can reach the World Test Championship final if they sweep the Black Caps in the two-Test series and Australia denies India victory in the fourth Test in Ahmedabad.

New Zealand captain Tim Southee won the toss and put his bowlers to work. But it backfired as Mendis and Karunaratne put on a 137-run stand for the second wicket.

The scores: Sri Lanka 305/6 in 75 overs (Dimuth Karunaratne 50, Kusal Mendis 87, Angelo Mathews 47, Tim Southee 3/44) vs New Zealand.
Toss: New Zealand.

INBRIEF

Bhyan qualifies for Para Worlds with Asian record

Ekta Bhyan qualified for the World Para athletics as the Indian team returned home with a clutch of medals from the Dubai World para athletics GP. Asian Para Games gold medallist Bhyan hurled the discus at 6.35m to claim bronze in women's wheelchair F53 event. The 37-year-old then set a new Asian record in women's club F51 with a throw of 17.20m. Bhyan made the cut for the World Para athletics championships set to take place in Paris from July 8.

Other medallists: Silver: Mohan Harsha Uyyala (men's 100m T47), Balwant Singh Rawat (men's 1500m T11/12 and 5000m T11/12), Ravi Kumar (men's javelin F46); **bronze:** Parveen Kumar (men's javelin F57 and discus F57).

India blanks Indonesia to maintain perfect record

India made it two wins in two matches in Group F of the AFC u-20 women's Asian Cup football qualifiers round one with a 6-0 victory over Indonesia at Viet Tri City (Vietnam) on Thursday. India remained on top with six points and a goal difference of +13. Neha and Sumati Kumar (two each), Kajol Dsouza and Apurna Narzary scored.

'He rescued us': Nagelsmann lauds defender De Ligt

Bayern Munich coach Julian Nagelsmann said Matthijs de Ligt "rescued" his side after the Dutch defender made a vital goalline clearance against Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League on Wednesday. "Nine out of 10 defenders in the world would have left that because they thought it was already in. It was an unbelievable play. He (De Ligt) loves to defend and hates to concede goals," Nagelsmann said. "Mistakes happen, but thankfully we have a defender who rescued us."

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Australia: 4th Test, day 2, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

South Africa vs West Indies: 2nd Test, day 3, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.

FIH Pro League: India vs Germany, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.

WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday)

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Saturday)

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka: 1st Test, day 3, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Saturday)

The Inheritor well-tuned to score

BENGALURU: The Inheritor, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Ashwapriya Plate (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (March 10). False rails (width about 5.75m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 NARMADA PLATE (1,800m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 pm: 1. Bruce Almighty (1) Srinath 62, 2. Southernaristocrat (5) Kirtish Bhagat 62, 3. Ring Master (3) S. John 61.5, 4. Rule Of Law (4) Darshan 60 and 5. Russian Romance (2) M. Prabhakaran 55.5.
1. RING MASTER, 2. BRUCE ALMIGHTY

2 BLACK CAVIAR PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Champions Way (2) Suraj 56, 2. Marzgovel (1) Darshan 56, 3. Time Limit (5) Ashok K 56, 4. Good Tip (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 5. Greenwich (4) Likith Appu 54.5 and 6. Prophecy (6) Neeraj 54.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY, 2. MARZGOVEL

3 TED FORDYCE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Super Ruffian (6) Indrajeet S 60, 2. Tiger Returns (7) Srinath 60, 3. Spirit Dancer (4) Darshan 58, 4. Domina (8) Likith Appu 57, 5. Mystical Merkabah (5) Kiran Rai 57, 6. Recreator (2) Vinod Shinde 57, 7. Capri Girl (1) R. Pradeep 55, 8. Silver Swift (3) Kirtish Bhagat 54.5 and 9. Altair (–) (–) 53.
1. TIGER RETURNS, 2. MYSTICAL MERKABAH, 3. SPIRIT DANCER

4 ASHWAPRIYA PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-00: 1. Extraordinary (6) Sai Kiran 60, 2. Eternal Princess (8) Khurshad Alam 59, 3. Southern Ruler (4) Md. Aliyar 58.5, 4. The Inheritor (5) Koshi K 58, 5. Mystic Eye (1) B. Dharshan 57, 6. Montelena (9) L.A. Rozario 56, 7. Schafenberg (2) Rayan 55.5, 8. General Patton (7) Nazerul 55 and 9. Super Kind (3) Trevor 53.
1. THE INHERITOR, 2. MYSTIC EYE, 3. SUPER KIND

5 ZENYATTA PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Southern Force (1) Srinath 60, 2. Arrowette (7) Darshan 57.5, 3. Macron (5) R. Pradeep 57, 4. Sir Tyrrell (4) Tousif 57, 5. Masteroftheskies (3) Arvind K 56, 6. Peridot (9) Likith Appu 56, 7. Ozark (6) Kirtish Bhagat 55.5, 8. Defining Power (2) Kiran Rai 55 and 9. The Pirate (8) L.A. Rozario 55.
1. ARROWETTE, 2. SOUTHERN FORCE, 3. MACRON

6 TED FORDYCE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Divine Blessings (6) Likith Appu 61.5, 2. Lauterbrunnen (7) Kiran Rai 61.5, 3. Starry Wind (8) Rayan 61.5, 4. Harmonia (4) B. Nayak 60, 5. Twilight Fame (2) B. Dharshan 58.5, 6. Baltimore (1) S. John 58, 7. Air Display (5) L.A. Rozario 57.5 and 8. Realia (3) P. Mani 56.5.
1. LAUTERBRUNNEN, 2. STARRY WIND, 3. DIVINE BLESSINGS

7 ZENYATTA PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-30: 1. Disruptor (7) Srinath 62.5, 2. Czarevitch (3) Darshan 60.5, 3. Osiris (2) P. Mani 60, 4. Emma (1) Likith Appu 59, 5. Measure Of Time (6) Rayan 59, 6. Eco Friendly (5) Sai Kiran 58, 7. Burning Arrow (4) Kiran Rai 55 and Sacred Creator (8) L.A. Rozario 55.
1. DISRUPTOR, 2. CZAREVITCH, 3. EMMA
Day's best: **DISRUPTOR**
Double: **CHAMPIONS WAY – THE INHERITOR**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Mumbai Indians bowlers on the prowl as Delhi Capitals crumbles

Saika, who has been a revelation in this tournament, removes Shafali early and also takes the big scalps of Lanning and Jemimah; Wong and Matthews chip in with three wickets each; Yastika finds her rhythm as Harmanpreet's side eases past the finish line with five overs to spare

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

The influencer: Wong was on song, taking three for 10 in four overs. PTI

It was expected to be the clash of the titans. A mismatch it turned out to be, though, at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Thursday night.

Mumbai Indians was just too good for Delhi Capitals. Neither side had lost a game coming into this match. Now, only Harmanpreet Kaur's women could claim that record, after their eight-wicket victory with five overs to spare.

With three wins from as many matches, they are the clear leaders in these early days of the Women's Premier League. They owe the latest win to their bowlers, who shot Delhi Capitals out for 105 in 18 overs.

Saika Ishaque, the uncapped left-arm spinner who has been a revelation in this tournament, cleanbowled the dangerous Shafali Verma in just the second over of the match. But not many would have thought DC's strong batting line-up would crumble the way it did.

Saika had begun her spell as the owner of the Purple Cap. It seemed she has no intention to let it go easily as she picked up two more wickets. And the most crucial scalps they were as much depended on the fourth-wicket partnership between captain Meg Lanning (43, 41b, 5x4) and her deputy Jemimah Rodrigues (25, 18b, 3x4).

After Alice Capsey and Marizanne Kapp were sent back in quick succession by seamers Issy Wong, who finished with figures of three for 10 from four overs, and Pooja Vastrakar, DC's hopes of a decent total rested on Lanning and Jemimah. But Saika returned to remove both in the same over.

She now has nine wickets from three games. MI's chase was smooth and clinical.

After Yastika Bhatia (41, 32b, 8x4) and Hayley Matthews (32, 31b, 6x4) added 65 for the first wicket, Harmanpreet, who had earlier in the day shuffled her bowlers well, and Nat Sciver-Brunt took MI home.

The injured Gujarat Giants captain Beth Mooney has been ruled out of the WPL and Laura Wolvaardt has been named as her replacement. Sneh Rana has officially been handed over the reins.

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS
Meg Lanning c Harmanpreet b Saika 43 *(41b, 5x4)*, Shafali Verma b Saika 2 *(6b)*, Alice Capsey c Jintimani b Pooja 6 *(7b, 1x4)*, Marizanne Kapp b Wong 2 *(4b)*, Jemimah Rodrigues b Saika 25 *(18b, 3x4)*, Jess Jonassen c Amanjot b Matthews 2 *(3b)*, Taniya Bhatia c Matthews b Wong 4 *(9b)*, Minnu Mani st. Yastika b Matthews 0 *(3b)*, Radha Yadav c Humaira b Wong 10 *(9b, 1x6)*, Shikha Pandey (not out) 4 *(8b)*, Tara Norris lbw b Matthews 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-5, nb-1): 7; Total (in 18 overs): 105.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-8 (Shafali, 1.6 overs), 2-24 (Capsey, 5.2), 3-31 (Kapp, 6.4), 4-81 (Jemimah, 12.2), 5-84 (Lanning, 12.6), 6-84 (Jonassen, 13.1), 7-84 (Minnu, 13.4), 8-98 (Taniya, 16.2), 9-102 (Radha, 16.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Sciver-Brunt 3-0-22-0, Saika 3-0-13-3, Wong 4-0-10-3, Pooja 1-0-6-1, Kerr 3-0-29-0, Matthews 4-0-19-3.

MUMBAI INDIANS
Yastika Bhatia lbw b Norris 41 *(32b, 8x4)*, Hayley Matthews c Jemimah b Capsey 32 *(31b, 6x4)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt (not out) 23 *(19b, 4x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur (not out) 11 *(8b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-1): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 15 overs): 109.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-65 (Yastika, 8.5), 2-77 (Matthews, 11.3).

CAPITALS BOWLING
Kapp 4-0-25-0, Shikha 3-0-28-0, Jonassen 3-0-25-0, Radha 1-0-12-0, Capsey 3-0-14-1, Norris 1-0-4-1.

Toss: Capitals; **PoM:** Saika.
Friday's match: *RCB vs. UP Warriorz, 7.30 p.m.*

Easy pickings: Choupo-Moting guides the ball into an open PSG net following a defensive blunder and scores Bayern's opener. AFP

Bayern punishes yet another limp PSG performance

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scored against his former club as Bayern Munich ended the Champions League hopes of Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, beating the French club 2-0 in their last-16 second leg to reach the quarterfinals.

Choupo-Moting, who featured for PSG in its 1-0 Champions League final loss to Bayern in Lisbon in 2020, sidefooted the ball home after Thomas Muller dispossessed Marco Verratti inside his own penalty area.

Substitute Serge Gnabry scored in the last minute of regular time to wrap a 3-0 aggregate victory for the six-time European champion.

Bayern reached the last eight for the fourth straight year, while PSG will need to wait at least another season to lift the coveted trophy for the first time.

The best chance of a tight opening half fell to PSG's Vitinha, who won the ball when Bayern goalkeeper Yann Sommer attempted to dribble out of a busy penalty area.

Vitinha was presented with an empty goal, but his rolled effort allowed Matthijs de Ligt to clear the ball off the line.

AC Milan booked its place in the quarterfinals for the first time since 2012 after a goalless draw at Tottenham on Wednesday sealed a 1-0 aggregate win.

The results:

Bayern Munich 2 (Choupo-Moting 61, Gnabry 89) bt Paris Saint-Germain 0 (*Bayern wins 3-0 on aggregate*).

Tottenham 0 lost to AC Milan 0 (*Milan wins 1-0 on aggregate*).

First leg goes goalless as HFC, ATK MB fail to fire

ISL-9

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Defending champion Hyderabad FC and ATK Mohun Bagan were locked in a goalless draw in the first leg of the second semifinal in ISL-9 at the Gachibowli Stadium here on Thursday.

It was a story of missed chances, with HFC off-target on more occasions. HFC had a chance to score in the 55th minute but saw the speedy Mohammad Yasir's left-footer hit the vertical to the delight of the rival camp.

Though Mohun Bagan showed better enterprise and intent upfront in the second session, it failed to capitalise on the scoring chances. In the 81st minute, forward Liston Colaco's long-ranger found the HFC custodian Gurmeet.

Even head coach Manolo Marquez's familiar gamble of bringing on the star player Bartholomew Ogbeche as a substitute in the 60th minute failed to break the deadlock though he did threaten to score twice.

In the dying minutes, Bagan had one final shy at the goal when substitute Federico Gallego on the run down the centre essayed a beautiful short pass to Dimitrios Petratos, but the latter's right-footer landed right in the HFC custodian Gurmeet's grasp.

Earlier in the first-half, HFC had the first opportunity to strike in the seventh minute when Borja Gonzalez essayed a perfect cross to the waiting Joel Chianese whose right-footer was well blocked by custodian Vishal Kaith.

For HFC, Borja was all over the rival defence repeatedly with his defence-splitting moves but poor finishing coupled with fine goalkeeping denied the home team in the first-half.

ATK MB came closest to scoring the first goal in the 38th minute when Dimitrios Petrotas's beautiful free-kick found captain Pritam Kotal waiting close to the goalline, but his attempt hit the crossbar, even as the goalkeeper Gurmeet was caught on the wrong foot.

Within a couple of minutes, the Kolkata side had another chance when Petratos chipped one from the top of the box to the waiting Hugo Boumous but before the latter could react, an alert HFC defender Chinglensana Singh was equal to the task.

Deadlock: HFC and ATK MB dished out plenty of action, but a result proved elusive. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

India will look to put World Cup disappointment behind it

PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

India's disappointing campaign in the recent Hockey World Cup may have been over, but its ghosts continue to haunt the players. Ahead of India's Pro League match against Germany here – the triangular series including Australia has been billed as a mini-tournament – captain Harmanpreet Singh was circumspect about the changes in the last one-and-half month.

"We have worked on penalty corners, of course, it is on our mind," he admitted on Thursday. It was expected, given the massive let-down the skipper had with his drag-flicks and one of the biggest reasons for India's early departure from the tournament. It wasn't easy for Harmanpreet, accompanied by newly-anointed vice-captain Hardik Singh, to return to the venue of his worst nightmares.

While Graham Reid was with the team in Bengaluru, former HPD David John will hold interim charge here. "Working with David John, there have been some changes in structure. We have tweaked our strategies a bit and will try some new positionings. It is always good to have at least two different strategies that you can swap any time. "These are all learning matches and while results do matter, this is also the right time to work on any changes and plans," Harmanpreet said, adding that the team's main focus was winning the Asian Games and everything was planned towards that.

Working hard: India's main focus is on winning the Asian Games and everything is planned towards it. HOCKEY INDIA

At the other end of the field on Friday will be newly-crowned world champion Germany, which had a diametrically opposite campaign, winning tight games and closing out matches in the dying moments. Coach Andre Henning and captain Mats Grambusch, however, preferred to tone down any expectations, insisting it was more important to take care of the players.

"We are not used to this environment in Germany so it is a pleasure to be here, especially when you step onto the field. But the days before are a lot harder, both physically and mentally," said Grambusch.

"We are only human and winning the World Cup – something we have been working on for more than 10 years – and then only 2-3 weeks off before getting back to being fully focused takes some time.

"We will of course try to do well, but there won't be any massive improvement. If we can only play at the same level as the WC, we have already done a good job," Grambusch was clear. That will be a high level to begin with for the other teams.

Nominations for fifth HI awards

ANI
NEW DELHI

Hockey India (HI) on Thursday released the list of nominations for the annual awards to be held here on March 17 and carries a total prize money of ₹1.35 crore. The HI Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year (men and women) carries a cash prize of ₹25 lakh each.

The HI Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (men) and HI Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (women) will include a prize of ₹10 lakh. The HI Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award will have the highest purse of ₹30 lakh.

Mercedes 'didn't listen', says Hamilton

'I've driven so many cars in my life; I know what a car needs, I know what a car doesn't need'

Unhappy: Hamilton says "there were things he told Mercedes" regarding issues with the car. REUTERS

FORMULA ONE

Associated Press
LONDON

Lewis Hamilton said Mercedes "didn't listen" when he raised concerns about the development of this season's Formula One car.

The seven-time world champion finished fifth at the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix on Sunday.

Hamilton told BBC Radio 5 Live's Chequered Flag podcast on Wednesday that last year "there were things I told them" regarding issues with the car.

"I've driven so many cars in my life. I know what a car needs. I know what a car doesn't need. I think it's really about accountability," he said.

"It's about owning up and saying, yeah, you know what? We didn't listen to you. It's not where it needs to be and we've got to work'." The 38-year-old Hamilton finished nearly 51 seconds behind race winner Max Verstappen in Bahrain.

Moving forward

"We're still (multiple) world champions, you know? Just haven't got it right this time," Hamilton said. "Didn't get it right last year. But that doesn't mean we can't get it right moving forwards."

Last year was difficult for Hamilton as the Mercedes design badly missed the mark. It was both uncompetitive and physically difficult to drive, and it developed a bouncing phenomenon dubbed "porpoising" that left both Hamilton and teammate George Russell bruised and battered after every drive.

Nakashima takes out Isner in opener

INDIAN WELLS

Reuters
INDIAN WELLS

Rising American Brandon Nakashima beat veteran John Isner 7-6(7), 6-3 to set up a second round meeting with Daniil Medvedev in first round action at Indian Wells on Wednesday.

He will have his work cut out for him when he faces World No. 6 Medvedev, who has won three consecutive titles and is on a 14-match winning streak.

In other first round action, Australia's Jordan Thompson crushed Frenchman Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-1 and Diego Schwartzman made quick work of fellow Argentinian Federico Coria 6-1, 6-2.

Ugo Humbert will face hard-hitting Canadian Denis Shapovalov after the Frenchman topped Bernabe Zapata Miralles of Spain 6-2, 7-6(6).

Powering through: Nakashima got past Isner in straight sets. GETTY IMAGES

In the women's draw, Shelby Rogers won an all-American battle with Katie Volynets 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Next up for Rogers is a second round meeting with seventh seeded Maria Sakkari, who reached the Indian Wells final last year. Rogers holds a 3-0 lead in her career meeting with the Greek.

Last week's Austin Open winner Marta Kostyuk was bundled out 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 by Swedish qualifier Rebecca Peterson. Alize Cornet also suffered a surprise first-round exit, going down 6-2, 7-5 to 427th-ranked Evgeniya Rodina.

Wildcard Elizabeth Mandlik defeated fellow American Alison Riske-Amritraj 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (1) to set up a second-round clash with twice Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova.

Other results (first round):

Men: Ilya Ivashka bt Roman Safiullin 6-4, 6-2; Emil Ruusuvuori bt Constant Lestienne 6-4, 4-1 retd.; Pedro Cachín bt Nikoloz Basilashvili 7-5, 6-3.

Oscar Otte bt Laslo Djere 6-3, 7-5; Marcos Giron bt Aleksandar Kovacevic 6-3, 7-5; Wu Tung-lin bt Alexander Bublik 6-4, 6-4.

Women: Anna Blinkova bt Ann Li 6-1, 6-2; Aliaksandra Sasnovich bt Kaia Kanepi 6-3, 7-6(5); Linda Noskova bt Irina-Camelia Begu 7-6(7), 6-1.

Dayana Yastremska bt Anna Bondar 6-3, 6-4; Wang Xinyu bt Elise Mertens 6-3, 6-1; Evgeniya Rodina bt Alize Cornet 6-2, 7-5; Jil Teichmann bt Ashyln Krueger 6-1, 6-4.

Ankita too strong for Tararudee

ITF WOMEN'S OPEN

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

India's Ankita Raina outclassed Thailand's Lanlana Tararudee 6-2, 6-1 to enter the quarterfinals of the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open at the KSLTA Stadium here on Thursday.

Unseeded Indian Rutuja Bhosale, who had shocked second seed Valentini Grammatikopoulou on Wednesday, continued her brilliant form with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Diana Marcinkevica of Latvia. The 26-year-old Rutuja also made it to the doubles semifinals with her partner Jacqueline Awad with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Saki Imamura and Chia-Yi Tsao.

Blazing away: Ankita blasted winners at will. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Top seed Brenda Fruhvirtova of Czech Republic took out Thailand's Peangtarn Plipuech 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in her round-of-16 clash.

It was heartbreak for Zeel Desai, who lost to Indonesia's sixth-seeded Madelyn Nugroho 7-5, 3-6, 5-7.

Eden Silva of Great Britain, the eighth seed, qualified for the last-eight stage with a fluent 6-2, 6-0 win over Japan's Mei Yamaguchi.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Champion: The victorious South Western Railway team. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

South Western Railway claims State Women's Basketball League

BENGALURU: Bhandavya top-scored with 39 points as South Western Railway thrashed Mounts Club 98-52 to secure the State Women's Basketball League championship here.

The results (final): South Western Railway 98 (Bhandavya 39, Varsha Nandini 21) bt Mounts Club 52 (Pavani 22); **Third-place:** DYES Mysore 62 (Meghana 26, Sahana 13) bt Beagles BC 33 (Anagha 11).

Special awards: Most valuable player: Meghana (DYES Mysore); **most promising player:** Pavani (Mounts Club).

AG Tamil Nadu to meet AG Kerala in final

Half-centuries from M. Yuvaraj (61) and G.V. Vignesh (61) helped AG Tamil Nadu defeat AG Andhra Pradesh & Telengana by 43 runs in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department South Zone cricket tournament in Bengaluru on Thursday.

In the final, AG Tamil Nadu will meet AG Kerala, which beat AG Karnataka by four wickets.

The scores: AG Karnataka 166/4 in 20 overs (J. Suchith 58, Aditya Somanna 49, Arjun Hoysala 37) lost to AG Kerala 167/6 in 19 overs (C. Vyshakh Chandran 44, Mohammed Shanu 37).

AG Tamil Nadu 173/2 in 20 overs (M. Yuvaraj 61, G.V. Vignesh 61) bt AG Andhra Pradesh & Telangana 130/9 in 20 overs (Tarun 33).

Franco nets two in Roots FC's win

Jonathan Ian Franco scored a brace as Roots FC beat Md. Sporting Bangalore 3-1 in the Reliance Foundation Development League being held in Bengaluru.

The results: Roots FC 3 (Jonathan Ian Franco 29, 67, R. Vishal 90+5) bt Md. Sporting Bangalore 1 (Sufiyan Akbar Syayed 63); Chennaiyin FC 1 (Elangbam Tondon Meitei 20) drew with FC Mangalore 1 (N.M. Lailkhuran 30); Sreenidi Deccan 3 (Tikkam Dharaneswar Reddy 36, Bathala Sunil 74, Paumin Thang Munsuon 85) bt FCBU 0; BFC 3 (Harmanpreet Singh 22, Vinith Venkatesh 36, Satendra Singh Yadav 63) bt Kickstart FC 1 (Abhishekh Shankar Powar 32).

Kodava Hockey Festival

The 23rd Kodava Hockey Festival will be held in Napoklu, Madikeri taluk, from March 18 to April 9. The famous competition returns after a four-year hiatus owing to floods and the COVID pandemic.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that we are conducting the title due diligence on behalf of our client towards residential site situated at **"Sobha Landscape"** bearing **Site No.24** admeasuring a total extent of **1162.51Sq.ft** or **108Sq.Mtr** situated at **Doddapanahalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** moreover mentioned below as **Schedule "B" Property** from **Mr. Murali Venkataramani & Mrs. Deepika Murali** being the owners of the said site craved out of **Schedule "A" Property** as mentioned below; All Persons including, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non-banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any right, title and interest of whatsoever nature in/over the Schedule "A" or "B" Property **is/are hereby requested to inform the same in writing supported with documentary proof or evidence to the undersigned within a period of (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Note: Any claims without documentary proof / evidence shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
(In which the Layout Sobha Landscape is formed)

All that piece and parcel of Residentially Converted Land bearing Portion of Sy.No.62(Part), 63 & Sy.No.64, all situated at Doddapanahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 9Acres 36Guntas(4Guntas Kharab), Physically measuring 9Acres 27.25Guntas bounded as follows:-**On the East:** Road Leading to Palya/IVC; **On the West**: By Land in Sy.No.40 of Doddapanahalli Village; **On the North**: Kharab Land & thereafter remaining portion of Sy.no.62-Doddapanahalli Village belonging to the Sobha Limited; **On the South:** By Land in Sy.No.40 & 56 of Doddapanahalli Village;

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
(Property hereby proposed to be conveyed)

Immoveable – Residentially Converted Site bearing No. 24 admeasuring a total extent of 1162.51Sq.ft or 108Sq.Mtrs in the layout "Sobha Landscape", BIAAPA approved Vide approval no.BIAAPA/TP2/LAO/205/2012-13 dated 09-05-2013, bearing V.P.Khata No.108/24 and E-Khata No.150300200400900322. Measuring: East to West: 12.0Mtrs or 39'- 4' Ft & North to South: 9.0Mtrs or 29' - 6' Ft Totally: 108Sq.Mtrs or 1162.51 Sq.Ft & Bounded as: North By: By Site bearing No.23, South By: By Site bearing No.25, East By: By Site bearing No.17 & West By: By Layout Road.

Sd/- by Advocate P.M.Muniraju., C/o., Paratus Build Con Pvt Ltd., No.150, 2nd Floor, 8th Main Road, Viveknagar, Bengaluru – 560047. Mob: 7411000956 / 8553218693.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division,,Shikaripura.
Short-Term Tender Notification:79/2022-23 Date: 07.03.2023.

(Single Tender Document & Only Through e-Procurement)

On behalf of the Hon'ble Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bengaluru, Executive Engineer, K.N.N.L., Dandavati Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura invites Tender through e-procurement in Single Tender Document System from contractors of KPWD Class-III & above.

Amount put to Tender for various development works in the limits of Shikaripura Taluk From Rs. 49.96 lakhs to Rs. 49.05 lakhs & E.M.D. Amount from Rs. 0.99 lakhs to Rs. 0.98 lakhs.

1) Date for participating in the tender: From 08.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM. 2) Last date for Tender clarifications: 15.03.2023 up to 5.00 PM. 3) Date of opening the Financial Bid: 17.03.2023 at 5.15 PM.

For further information visit (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, K.N.N.L., Dandavati Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura
DIPR/smg/no.67/03/22-23/2089

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 48/2022-23
Date:07.03.2023

short term tender notification is as below

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under KW-1,2,3 Standard Bid documents (Single & Two cover system) has been called for PERIYAPATNA 128 (Estimate cost 11.19-99.000Lakhs) under the Head of Account: 2021-22 Jal Jevan Mission. Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 09.03.2023 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 16.03.2023 upto 5:00PM, PRE BID MEETING 13.03.2023 and Opening of Technical bid 17.03.2023, 05.30 PM onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligible Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.Tender Form Fees – As per e-procurement.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S, Division, Mysore
DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1154/2022-23

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar

E-Procurement Short Term Tender Notification No.: 35/2022-23, Dated: 03.03.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2022-23 of KGF Taluk, of Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD(Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **http://www.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **10.03.2023 up to 17.30 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kolar
DIPR/Kolar/R.O.No.547/MC&A/2022-23.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 14 Dated: 09/03/2023

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) are invited for supply the following goods/services/ equipments:

Tender No.	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/Equipments	Tender Value in crores Rs.(Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @17.00Hrs
	SHORT TERM TENDER		
A-36/22-23	Procurement of Air Suspension Parts	9.50	25.03.2023
G-108/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 200 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Bangalore Central Division, KSRTC	7.36	18.03.2023
G-109/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 50 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Shivamogga Division, KSRTC	1.84	18.03.2023
G-110/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 100 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Tumkur Division, KSRTC	3.68	18.03.2023
G-111/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 30 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Chittradurga Division, KSRTC	1.10	18.03.2023
G-112/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 100 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Ramanagara Division, KSRTC	3.68	18.03.2023
G-113/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 50 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Chamarajanagara Division, KSRTC	1.84	18.03.2023
G-114/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 110 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Puttur Division, KSRTC	4.33	18.03.2023
G-115/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 140 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Mangalore Division, KSRTC	5.51	18.03.2023
G-116/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing 150 Drivers on contract basis to depots of Mysore Division, KSRTC	5.52	18.03.2023
G-117/22-23	Procurement of Retro Reflective Tape with QR Code	6.32	25.03.2023

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only.

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone.No. 080-2230960, 080–22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org**, (contact: 7760990225,7760990224)

Sd/-
CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/JA/5183/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, Mr. E S Sridhar, Aged about 59 Years, S/o late Sri. Esturi Subbaiah Shetty, Residing at: No. C-463, M G Road, Gauribidnur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka -561 208, is the absolute owner of the properties bearing Sy.No. 89/1, 89/2 and 90/1, measuring 1Acre 07 Guntas, 1Acre 07 Guntas and 1Acre 17 Guntas respectively, totally measuring 3 acres 31 Guntas, Situated at, Gundapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gauribidnur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District and out of which he has agreed to sell the residential converted properties measuring 28 Guntas each in Sy.No.89/1, 89/2 and 90/1, totally measuring 2 Acres 04 Guntas, which is morefully describe in Schedule A, B and C hereunder respectively, to our Clients and has entered into an Agreement of Sale.

All persons claiming any interest in the said properties or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at their office mentioned herein below, within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

"SCHEDULE A PROPERTY"

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land being portion of Survey Number 89/1, Situated at, Gundapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gauribidnur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, measuring 0 Acres 28 Guntas or 30492 Sq.ft, duly issued under the Official Memorandum bearing No. 432817, dated 21.01.2023, by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura, bounded on the; **EAST BY :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.89/1 belonging to the Vendor; **WEST BY :** Survey No.67; **NORTH BY :** Madugiri -Gowribidanuru Road; **SOUTH BY :** Part of Survey No.89/2.

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All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land being portion of Survey Number 89/2, Situated at, Gundapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gauribidnur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, measuring 0 Acres 28 Guntas or 30492 Sq.ft., duly issued under the Official Memorandum bearing No. 432818, dated 21.01.2023, by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura, bounded on the; **EAST BY :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.89/2 belonging to the Vendor; **WEST BY :** Survey No.66; **NORTH BY :** Part of Survey No.89/1; **SOUTH BY :** Part of Survey No.90/1.

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CORRIGENDUM

For the tenders invited through Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) (Lumpsum tender) mode including 5 years of O &M period (including defects liability period of 1 year) (No Variation)

1. No.KWB/TEC/CE/DCE-I/TA/AE-4/2306/2022-23 Date: 8/3/2023
   Sub: Improvements of water supply facilities to Hiriyur town under AMRUT-2.0
   Ref: This office tender notification No.KWB/TEC/ CE(B)/ AMRUT 2.0/2052 /2022-23 Dt 06-02-2023 (Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3314).
2. No.KWB/TEC/CE/DCE-I/TA/AE-1/2303/2022-23 Date: 8/3/2023
   Sub: Improvements of water supply scheme to Kunigal town with Hemavathi canal and Kunigal doddakere as source under AMRUT-2.0
   Ref: This office tender notification No.KWB/ TEC/ CE(B)/ AMRUT 2.0/2052 /2022-23 Dt 06-02-2023 (Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3315)
3. No.KWB/TEC/CE/DCE-I/TA/AE-2/2304/2022-23 Date: 8/3/2023
   Sub: Improvements of water supply scheme to Anekal town under AMRUT-2.0
   Ref: This office tender notification No.KWB/ TEC/ CE(B)/ AMRUT 2.0/2052 /2022-23 Dt 06-02-2023 (Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3313)
4. No.KWB/TEC/CE/DCE-I/TA/AE-2/2305/2022-23 Date: 8/3/2023
   Sub: Improvements of water supply scheme to Honnali town under AMRUT-2.0
   Ref: This office tender notification No.KWB/ TEC/ CE(B)/ AMRUT 2.0/2052 /2022-23 Dt 06-02-2023 (Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3316)

The Revised Calendar of Events for the above tenders:- (1) Last date and time for receipt of tenders in e-procurement portal**17-03-2023 up to 17.30 hours. (2)** Date and time of opening of tenders in e-procurement portal **20-03-2023 after 11.00 hours**

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